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OPINION

letters

FROM SCREAMS TO PERMITS

Hear My Primal Scream!

You asked us (Slant, 10/23) to “scream if you want Savage Love.” Well, I’m screaming! Savagely! There are a million places to find sudokus and crosswords. Not so with Savage Love. Bring it back, or I stop reading the paper.

Tim Baxter
Eugene

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The Dueling Viewpoints

Thank you for the balance of viewpoints (EW, 10/16). My dismay at by how large a margin Doyle Srader missed the point of the No Kings march this weekend was quickly relieved by reading Stan Taylor of Indivisible Eugene. He very clearly laid out the objectives and goals of the march. This was not a rally to “confront” MAGA, only the leaders who are in the position to degrade our rights.

This was a solidarity action to show our resistance to the Donald Trump regime and its authoritarian tactics. If you support Trump at this point, it’s on purpose and there is no argument, no “Bible” anyone can give you. Sure, it would be great to have everyone on board for the fight to get universal health care, a living minimum wage, supported childcare, etc.

But until the media landscape and politicians stop making money on keeping us divided, I’m saving my breath. Until then, we will organize amongst ourselves and hope to get more than just 64 percent of the electorate to the polls.

Kim Cronin-Ross
Eugene

Supporting Small Business

I read the EW Slant section of your paper for ideas on how to support small businesses. I am a member of Indivisible Eugene Springfield. We have action teams that focus on different issues like health care, climate, immigration, elections, etc.

Solidarity in Action is one of the teams. We approach different small businesses on Eugene and Springfield blocks to talk about a poster. The purpose is to ask if they’d consider hanging an immigrant-friendly poster in their store windows. The signs are positive, authentic and free. Some in both English and Spanish.

Examples are “All Are Welcome Here,” “Hate Has No Home Here,” “We Stand with Immigrant Families,” “Everyone is Welcome Here Except ICE,” etc. There are seven designs to choose from. We’ve gotten positive responses.

Some buildings on Main Street in Springfield are owned by Lane County Commissioner David Loveall. Even though employees are with us in spirit, they must decline knowing Loveall would not want them in his windows.

We’re trying to build a sense of community. Hopefully, when other businesses see

the signs, they’ll be inspired to hang them in their windows.

We make a list of the businesses that take the sign, post them on our private Discord app and ask our 900-plus members to support these small businesses.

We could use more people to approach businesses. We go out in pairs, and there is a script we follow. We give the owner or manager the laminated signs they chose.

Cathy Meyer
Eugene

The People Have Spoken

After the latest No Kings rallies, it is clear that many Americans are alarmed about the actual dictatorship being implemented by the Trump regime, and are ready to oppose it. The people have spoken, now it’s time for our leaders to act. U.S. governors must immediately convene a conference to plan united emergency actions in the face of future Trump schemes, which definitely include invoking the Insurrection Act.

Such a conference is not only necessary from a tactical point of view, but would be a great morale booster to us, who wonder if our leaders recognize the seriousness and urgency of the situation. Please contact Gov. Tina Kotek and urge her to get the ball rolling for such a conference and maybe even host it.

Jere Rosemeyer
Eugene

Why No Permit?

While the No Kings march Oct. 18 was such a wonderful event, one thing was sorely lacking — a permit for the march. During the march we witnessed a dangerous situation where a couple volunteers on bikes were attempting to hold back traffic for over a half hour on the busy 7th Avenue as the marchers crossed 7th on Olive Street. The situation grew extremely tense, and I was beginning to wonder if a driver was going to explode in anger and drive into the march.

Having the local police help with redirecting the traffic would have been so much better, as those cars would have been following an alternate route. Appar-

ently, the march organizers didn’t get a permit and are not interested in working with the police.

I think that extreme stance alienates anyone stuck in traffic and also puts the police in a dangerous position when they have to step in. One officer I was talking to seemed frustrated that he was put into such a disorganized and dangerous situation.

We need to work with the local police in any protest that involves walking down city streets. It will build trust between the protesters and the police and make it safer for everyone involved.

Scott Zarnegar
Eugene

Dismantle the Kingdom

The No Kings party is over. The exhilarating turnout has come and gone. Signs are put away, inflatables deflated and most of us are right back to the lives we were leading before Oct. 18. And yes, there are still kings.

Well, kings need kingdoms and we, the American people, sustain that kingdom. If we don’t want kings, then we’ve got to dismantle the kingdom. How? For starters, we can stop financing it. We can divest from companies owned by the very kings we are protesting against.

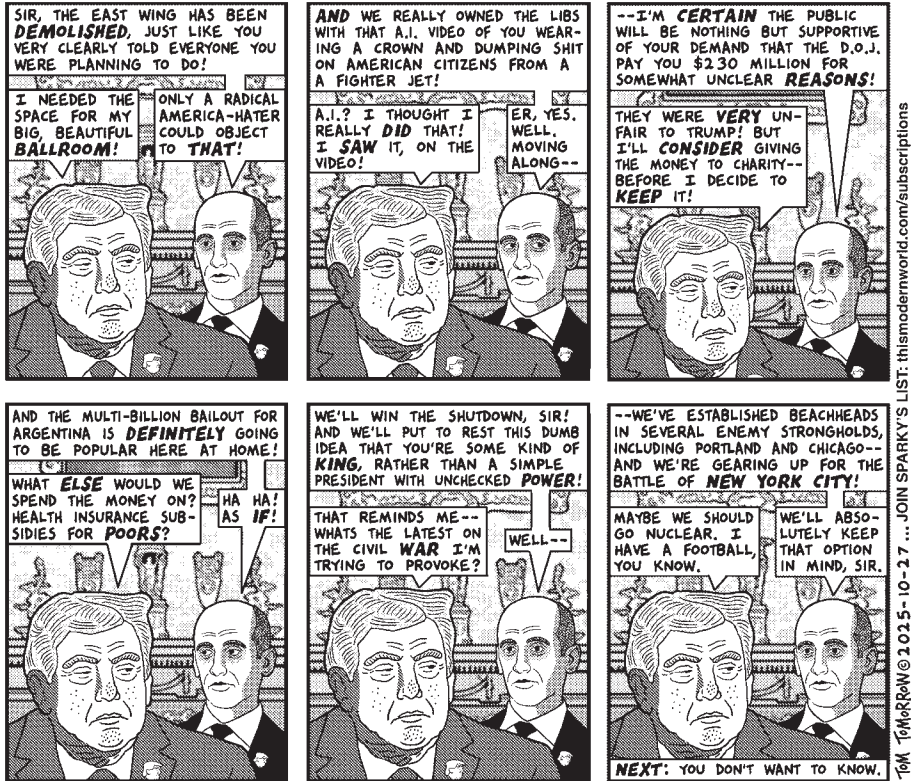
We can withhold a portion of our taxes that are supporting the Department of War. (After all, kingdoms rely on their militaries for defense and expansion.) We can bank with a community credit union that invests locally rather than a big commercial bank. We can be more mindful about where we spend and what we spend on. Maybe we even ask ourselves, “Is this purchase necessary?” (Our consumption feeds the kingdom.)

At the very least, we can consider if our purchase is benefitting a company, an industry or an entity that is causing harm to people and the planet. Our kingdom is responsible for a great deal of harm, near and far. It is up to us to change that. So if we’re really “invested” in No Kings, then it is time we all divest from the kingdom. For without kingdoms, there can be no kings.

Molly Sirois
Eugene

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A SUPERSTAR FOR A CULTURAL SHIFT

Building a culture that values diversity, works for equity and strives for inclusion

The answer for how best to respond to the Charlie Kirk assassination and its aftermath eluded me at first.

Yes, political violence is a serious problem in our country and should not be tolerated. No, the political left is not responsible for the deranged motives of the shooter, but yes, vitriol in general only adds fuel to fire, whether from the left or right.

I suspect I am not the only one who is utterly disgusted by the way this tragic event has been politicized to the point of using it as the pretext for silencing those whose viewpoints dare to counter the MAGA narrative. Ironically, it was those on the right who bitterly complained about “cancel culture” just a few years ago. Fast forward to 2025, and MAGA has made it into an art form.

Two events, one in Eugene recently and the other at the Hollywood Bowl in July, suggest a way to respond for any wishing to find something they can do to build a better future to counter the violence and vitriol of this time. At the latter event I witnessed a standing ovation that lasted nearly 10 minutes, not at the conclusion of the concert, but at the end of its most demanding piece by a most dramatic performer. Ovations for incredible performances are nothing unusual in themselves, but it was not just the performance that was extraordinary, but the who and the what that made it most remarkable.

I was privileged to experience Ted Neeley in the titular role of *Jesus Christ Superstar* some 20-plus years ago. Neeley, who played Jesus in both the Broadway and Hollywood versions of Andrew Lloyd Weber’s famous musical, was just as phenomenal on the Eugene stage as he was on screen 30 years prior. The way he portrayed Jesus wrestling with his fate in the Garden of Gethsemane as he questioned God haunts me to this day. I never expected anyone to match it, let alone top it.

Fast forward to this past summer at the Hollywood Bowl. Judas, interestingly enough, was not played by a Black actor as he was both on Broadway (Ben Vereen) and in film (Carl Anderson), but a very prominent gay singer, Adam Lambert. And he, too, was phenomenal.

Ah, but Jesus stole the show. Not just a phenomenal singer, but a female Black singer, Cynthia Erivo, better known as the green witch of *Wicked*. And it was Erivo’s portrayal of that gut-wrenching prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane that brought the house down.

It is not lost upon me that when the producers were making their plans for

this particular performance and thinking, “Who would be a good choice for the role of Jesus? A Black woman was running for president of the United States.” Maybe, just maybe, if we dare to imagine divinity incarnate as a Black woman, then the president would not be so far off.

So how do I connect that incredible performance at the Hollywood Bowl with the current debate? Marcus Nobel, a descendant of Alfred Nobel, spoke about this in September at a celebration for the Nobel Peace Laureate Monument in Alton Baker Park. In telling the story of the creation of the Nobel Peace Prize, he quoted Daniel Moynihan, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Moynihan believed that peace comes necessarily from culture. It is culture, he said, that largely determines “not only if a person has the capacity to love another individual, but in the larger social sense, whether [they are] capable of loving [their] fellow [human beings] collectively. The whole of society rests on this foundation for stability, understanding and social peace.”

There are those who want us to believe that Charlie Kirk was a shining example of virtue and Christian faith. I have no doubt that he was sincere in his faith, but many of the values he articulated run directly counter to those I hold as a Christian, and I wonder, could he have imagined Jesus as a Black woman? If so, would that have changed some of those views that I and others find so problematic? One need not be a follower of Jesus to understand and appreciate the cultural significance of portraying an image for divinity that once was viewed as an image of slavery to be sold at (and for) the pleasure of white men.

As I stood and loudly applauded with the 17,000 other attendees in the Hollywood Bowl, I intuitively understood this was not only about a great performance, it was a cultural shift. Erivo challenged us to examine our view of who and what we consider divine. She didn’t just claim the role, she shattered it. What rose in place of the traditional blue-eyed, male Jesus was a new image, destroying the old shackles of white supremacy and male dominion.

So what can we do in this time? Build a culture that values diversity, works for equity and strives for inclusion. A culture where everyone belongs, regardless of immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation or racial heritage. That is the culture of which I want to be a part, and it is how we build a world to counter the hatred, violence and vitriol of this age.

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>> **He was a musician, an activist and a force around town.** We interviewed Lea Jones in July about his work to stop Avelo Airlines from operating in Eugene due to its ICE deportation flights, and we enjoyed his updates on his performances with Buffalo Romeo, being pestered about our music coverage and more over the years. Buffalo Romeo's 2018 song "Hang on Ruthie," in honor of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, once got a shout-out in *The New York Times*. Jones, who died of cancer Oct. 25, got to see Avelo depart Eugene Oct. 20, ahead of its planned December date. He was still performing, planning performances and living life to the fullest well into the fall. He was 71.

>> Mixed in with posts about heifers and mini donkeys for sale at the Eugene Livestock Auction this past week, we noted that ELA reshared a **response from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to President Donald Trump on his manipulation of the markets**, reading in part, "Cattlemen and women cannot stand behind President Trump while he undercuts the future of family farmers and ranchers by importing Argentinian beef." We're less thrilled with where they complain about wolves, but encouraged at least a little bit that Trump's playing with people's lives and livelihoods is coming to the attention of his own supporters.

>> **Thanksgiving is on the horizon — and thousands of Oregonians are entering the holiday season with hunger looming.** The ongoing government shutdown means that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, better known as SNAP, will not be going out. Nearly one in six Oregonians gets federal food assistance, and almost half of them are children and seniors. Adding to that hunger is that Oregon has begun ending or reducing food assistance thanks to Trump and Republicans' "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," which added work requirements, limited utility bill assistance and ended access to SNAP for refugees and asylum seekers. This is putting pressure on food banks and Little Food Pantries. Want to help? In addition to our annual collection of warm clothing and essentials for those in need, *Eugene Weekly* is collecting food for Burrito Brigade and its food program. **Bring nonperishable foods, unopened beverages and new/unused hygiene products to Eugene Weekly** at 1251 Lincoln Street, and find out more about how to support Burrito Brigade and feed our local community at BurritoBrigade.org.

>> **As we wrap up October, here's your reminder that it's Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that any gender can get breast cancer**, so be aware, check yourself and go for screenings — mammograms are not that bad (OK, except maybe the part when you are sweaty with anxiety and can't wear deodorant). And thanks to Eugene Mayor Kaarin Knudson for coming forward with the story of her own cancer journey at a recent City Council meeting. Check out an interview with Knudson at KLCC.org.

>> **The American Civil Liberties Union is backing Seth May of the anti-surveillance group Eyes Off Eugene in suing Eugene over its Flock cameras.** The ACLU is suing for access to the locations of the license-plate readers that use software that could target out-of-state abortion seekers and immigrants without permanent legal status. This is not the ACLU's first rodeo with Eugene and Eugene police — back in 2000 the ACLU planned to sue but then EPD changed its pepper spray policy (after spraying the crap out of protesters downtown in 1997), and in September 2016, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled that the city of Eugene had to turn over records to the Oregon ACLU in its inquiry into a high-profile use of force against a Eugene protester.

>> **The City Club of Eugene this week** discusses the state of local schools at noon, Friday, Oct. 31, at the WOW Hall with the superintendents of Bethel, Eugene 4J and Springfield schools. Want to know about more events — or list your own event? Check out our What's Happening Calendar, your go-to source for, literally, what's happening, since 1982!

>> **Endorsements: Springfield, Ballot Measure 20-371**, proposes a levy of \$0.53 per \$1,000 of assessed value for fire and life safety services. **Lane Fire Authority, Measure 20-375**, seeks to renew and increase its existing tax rate by 20 cents to 55 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. **South Lane County Fire & Rescue, Measure 20-372**, would double the current levy from 47 cents to 94 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. **YES** on all three.

NEWS

FULL PERSON, FULLER STORY

Local author spotlights the bright lives of people with Down syndrome

BY SEIRA KITAGAWA

Years ago, Melissa Hart took her brother Mark to a bar on Halloween day in Eugene. They were drinking beer and Mark was dressed as Michael Jackson. But some college boys came up and made fun of Mark and were unkind to him.

Hart has loved her brother from the moment he was born, even though doctors told the parents to "put him into an institution" due to his Down syndrome. Their mom declined, and instead took him to physical therapy, which helped a lot with basic physical activities and more.

Down syndrome is a genetic condition where a person is born with an extra chromosome, which can affect how their brain and body develop, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

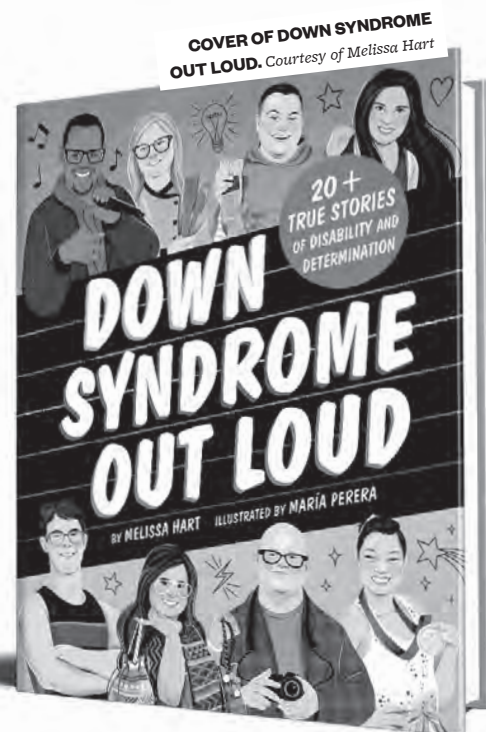
People were dancing to the music, and then "Thriller" came on. Mark went up to the dance floor — "he is an incredible dancer," Hart says. "Then suddenly, he was surrounded by beautiful young women, and those boys shut up," she adds with a laugh.

In Hart's latest book, *Down Syndrome Out Loud*, she shares real, incredible and funny moments of more than 20 people's lives who have Down syndrome. "I wasn't afraid to be fun," Hart says, "There's a lot of humor when you are growing up with a sibling who has physical and intellectual disabilities."

Since the book got published June 3, Hart has traveled all over Oregon, and even to Palm Springs, California, inviting people featured in the book to join her in the book events.

"It is exciting to see how proud those people are, to finally have their stories represented in a book, and have people in the community come up to book stores and conferences and learn their stories," she says. "They are finally getting recognition that they really deserved."

Hart was thanked by many people with Down syndrome and their families, who say, "This is the book we needed for so long. This is the book my brother and I needed growing up" — a book



for a boy with Down syndrome and his sister.

Hart talked with more than 20 people for the book and shared a little bit of their stories. Karen Gaffney of Portland is one of those. Gaffney is a distance swimmer and Down syndrome activist. She swam across the English Channel as part of a relay team, then across Lake Tahoe, which is nine miles wide. And yes, she is still swimming. She gets into the pool at 6 am and swims two miles a day five or six days a week.

"She writes about people who are doing great things in this book, and I just really appreciate being included with all those people," Gaffney says of Hart's book. Gaffney has given many presentations around the U.S. and overseas in Ireland, England, Singapore and Trinidad. In June, Gaffney and Hart did a booksigning event at Portland's Powell's Bookstore, and Gaffney says people had great questions and she "had fun autographing books."

Hart has also learned about different resources available for people with Down syndrome through meeting people while writing the book.

Her brother was able to receive physical therapy at an early age, which enabled him to walk well and even dance like a star at a bar; however, he can not speak well. "He and I kind of have a secret language," she says. He also needed speech therapy.

In November, Tsunami Books will host Hart for a reading from *Down Syndrome Out Loud* and a Q&A with her and fellow author Brian Trapp, the director of Disability Studies at University of Oregon and the author of the debut novel *Range of Motion*, which will be published in October. Hart and Trapp both grew up with siblings who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, and they will talk about their newest books and how their lived experiences informed the books.

A Q&A session with Melissa Hart and Brian Trapp is 6 pm to 7 pm, Thursday, Nov. 13, at Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette Street. In the meantime, you can buy *Down Syndrome Out Loud* at Tsunami Books, at J. Michaels Books, 160 East Broadway # A, and Hodgepodge Books & Taproom, 158 East 14th Avenue, or online at Bookshop.org.

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Eugene gives developer until next year to buy Willamette Street site for long-delayed affordable-housing project

More than four years after it was picked by the city of Eugene, a development company has failed to raise any of the roughly \$35 million it needs to construct an apartment building on the site of the empty former Lane Community College annex on Willamette Street in downtown Eugene, city records show.

The developer, a joint venture by Eugene and Portland companies, hasn't secured commitments for either the roughly \$16 million long-term loan it needs, or the \$16 million in equity cash from investors, the developer's correspondence and other city records show.

After receiving the developer's most recent tale of money-raising woe, the city staff on August 1 gave it one final extension, until Feb. 1, 2026, to show it has the money and to buy the site, which the city owns. The agreement between the developer and the city doesn't allow extensions beyond that.

But more delays may follow anyway. "If it's looking like the project is unable to close by Feb. 1, we'll bring it back to City Council to discuss next steps for the project and how they'd like to move forward. One of the options is likely to be allowing

for another closing extension," says Lindsay Selser, a city spokesperson.

The developer, 1059 Willamette Investment LLC, is headed by Eugene executive Mark Miksis and Portland-based Edlen & Co. They didn't respond to emails from *Eugene Weekly*.

The deal is a novel experiment by the city to have a developer create 68 rent-controlled units in return for modest subsidies from the city. So far, it's yielded zero results.

Under the original agreement, approved by the Eugene City Council, the developer should have bought the site from the city — for \$1 — by Oct. 1, 2023, and completed the new building six months ago. But the developer keeps coming up empty-handed in its search for money, and the city has agreed to repeated delays.

In a letter to the city this summer, the developer said it's optimistic despite being stymied by "financial market instability," high interest rates, and the potential for President Trump's tariffs to drive up construction costs. "We continue to believe we will be able to secure equity for the project," wrote Jill Sherman, an Edlen & Co. principal and co-founder.

COMMITTED TO AFFORDABILITY

The City Council has often talked up the deal as a sign of its commitment to ensuring affordable housing and revitalizing the downtown core.

The developer is supposed to build a six-story apartment complex with 133 units, half of them with market-rate rents, and

the rest — 68 studios — with rents capped to make them affordable to moderate-income renters. In return for charging capped rents, the developer would get subsidies from the city: The site for \$1; up to \$1.8 million in waived permit and other fees, and help with asbestos removal and demolition; and a 10-year property tax waiver.

But the profits the project would generate don't appear sweet enough to attract equity investors. And without equity investors, a key lender has balked, documents obtained by the *Weekly* in a public records request show. In her June letter to the city, Sherman said she was trying to get two investment funds to provide equity, but the expected profits are "lower than their threshold, and we are working with them on how to structure their investment to meet their targets."

INVESTORS, LENDER BALK

The developer's prospects for raising money have actually dimmed over the past year, the records show. In June 2024, an investment group tentatively pledged all the equity that was needed, Sherman wrote in her June 2025 letter. But in November 2024 those investors cut that to 50 percent of the amount needed. And in January 2025, they backed out entirely, saying they had invested their money elsewhere, she wrote.

Meanwhile, in September 2024, an Idaho credit union tentatively agreed to provide the loan for the project, Sherman wrote. But that promise expired this May, at which point the credit union said it would lend only if the developer first secured equity, Sherman wrote. The developer now continues to cast around for equity money.

Several years ago, a consultant working for the city calculated that even with the subsidies, the project would initially generate an equity investment return of negative 4.7 percent a year, gradually rising to positive 4.2 percent in year 10. Developers typically want 6 percent a year, the report said.

Elected leaders seem sympathetic. "It's not easy to make redevelopment projects happen," Mayor Kaarin Knudson says in an email to *EW*. The project is the first in which the city is using the property tax waiver to try to create subsidized "workforce" housing, she notes. "We'll keep listening to and working with our

partners." City Councilor Mike Clark says the city subsidy is sufficient. "I understand the challenges and difficulties (the developer) is facing," he says. "I'm patient with them." Most rent-capped apartment complexes that have been built in Eugene in recent years for low-and moderate-income residents have received steeply discounted mortgage loans provided through federal and state programs. The Miksis/Edlen project isn't eligible for that crucial major subsidy. Should the city offer more help for the project? "If the development team identifies a particular need, (the) council could consider options to address that need," Selser says. The council "could consider an increased level of investment in the project, however, at this point, that's jumping ahead to solutions before the problems have been raised and identified," she says.

MARKET-RATE DEVELOPMENT STRONG

Meanwhile, developers continue to push ahead elsewhere in Eugene to create market-rate apartment complexes that are not hamstrung by rent affordability requirements. These include one student housing highrise under construction near the University of Oregon, two large student complexes in the planning stages, and Obie Companies' apartment project in the planning stages next to the Eugene Amtrak station.

Apartment development has been brisk in Eugene in the last several years, mainly due to investors' obsession with building student housing. In 2024, there were 693 multi-family units permitted in the city, up from 422 in 2023, but down from 794 in 2022 and 1,093 in 2021, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Elsewhere in Lane County there's been a mini-boom in apartment construction. In 2024, some 322 multi-family units were permitted in other cities in the county, mostly in Springfield, the HUD data show.

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ACTIVIST ALERT PROTESTS, ACTIVISM AND MORE AROUND LANE COUNTY

BY CAMILLA MORTENSEN

"We can't just hope for a brighter day, we have to work for a brighter day. Love too often gets buried in a world of hurt and fears."
— Dolly Parton

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- >> **Singing for our Lives**, noon, Tuesdays, 7th and Pearl, the BeLonging Space and Interfaith Alliance with Migrants.

- >> **Silent Protest to Support Our Immigrant Neighbors**, 1 pm Tuesdays, ICE office, 6th and Pearl. Signs provided, wear white or black. Indivisible Eugene/Springfield.
- >> **Weekly Vigils Against the Genocide in Gaza**, 5 pm, Wednesdays, Planet Versus Pentagon, old federal building, corner of 7th & Pearl.
- >> **Sister District Postcarding**, 6 pm to 10 pm, Wednesdays, Claim 52 Brewing, 232 Lincoln Street.
- >> **The Working Families Party Wolf Pack**, meets the first Wednesday of

- the month to build a government and an economy that serves all, not just the wealthiest few. Register at Mobilize.us.
- >> **Weekly Get-Out-the-Vote Postcarding**, 1 pm to 3 pm, Thursdays, Gryff's Pub, 2101 Bailey Hill Road. For more info Pandi96743@yahoo.com. This week give "shout out" to elected officials who have been fighting for democracy.
- >> **Replace the Mainstream Parties with a Party Of, By, And For The People**, We the People Party Lane County meet every other Friday 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Tall Firs Cafe & Events,

- 1488 18th Street, Springfield. wtplane.org and wethepeoplelanecounty@proton.me.
- >> **Stop the Cuts**, noon Fridays, Eugene Veterans Clinic, 3355 Chad Drive.
- >> **Stand in Solidarity with Food Not Bombs Feeding the Community**, 4 pm Fridays, Food Not Bombs, Downtown Park Blocks, 8th and Oak, Instagram.com/foodnotbombs_eugene.

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CASCADES RAPTOR CENTER
BEST ANIMAL-FOCUSED NONPROFIT



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BEST JOURNALIST



EMILY POOLE
BEST LOCAL ARTIST

BEST OF EUGENE



TOSHI'S RAMEN
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**YOU ARE THE BEST,
FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST!**

BY EW STAFF
PHOTOS BY EVE WESTON

Some of us peaked in high school, some of us are still peaking, but it's the readers of Lane County who decide who are the peak picks of Eugene, year after year. Read along with the *Weekly* as we induce some high school flashbacks in our yearbook-themed Best of issue. Congrats to the winners — and the voters, who had their voices heard (yes, that is veiled political commentary in an otherwise non-political poll).

Stay tuned next week for staff picks — the fun, weird and quirky things in Lane County we want to shout out. Got a suggestion for a staff pick or a Best of category for next year? Send it to Editor@EugeneWeekly.com.

CIVICS 2025 BEST OF EUGENE

BEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES

- 1. MCKENZIE RIVER TRUST**, 725 W. 1st Ave., 541-345-2799, McKenzieRiver.org.
- 2. CASCADIA WILDLANDS**, 120 Shelton McMurphy Blvd., ste. 250, 541-434-1463, CascWild.org.
- 3. BEYOND TOXICS**, 120 Shelton McMurphy Blvd., ste. 280, 541-465-8860, BeyondToxics.org.

BEST PROGRAM FOR THE HOMELESS

- 1. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**, 2890 Chad Dr., 541-687-5820, Svdp.us.
- 2. BURRITO BRIGADE**, 1775 W. 6th Ave., 541-632-3239, BurritoBrigade.org.
- 3. BLACK THISTLE STREET AID**, 541-232-8546, BlackThistleStreetAid.org.

BEST NONPROFIT FIGHTING HUNGER

- 1. FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY**, 770 Bailey Hill Rd., 541-343-2822, FoodforLaneCounty.org.
- 2. BURRITO BRIGADE**, 1775 W. 6th Ave., 541-632-3239, BurritoBrigade.org.

3. FOOD NOT BOMBS

Instagram @foodnot-bombs_eugene/?hl=en.

BEST ANIMAL-FOCUSED NONPROFIT

- 1. CASCADES RAPTOR CENTER**, 32275 Fox Hollow Rd., 541-485-1320, CascadesRaptorCenter.org.
- 2. GREENHILL HUMANE SOCIETY**, 88530 Greenhill Rd., 541-689-1503, GreenHill.org.
- 3. S.A.R.A.'S TREASURES**, 871 River Rd., 541-607-8892, SarasTreasures.org.

Cascades Raptor Center is saving lives, one bird at a time. Founded in 1987, the Raptor Center has grown to be a nationally recognized wildlife rehabilitation and education center. It has a full-fledged animal hospital where volunteers and medical staff help injured or sick birds get back on their feet, or in this case, back in the sky. "It's always a thrill," says senior rehabilitation technician Jesse Pyne. "We always get huge joy from seeing those birds that we worked so hard on getting them back to the wild."

Besides the hospital, the Raptor Center is heavily involved in education. "When you are

able to put a bird in front of a child, that child can look at that bird and be like, "Whoa, this bird is here, and they're real," says trainer and educator Carrie Lorenz, "they get a deeper appreciation for it." Cascades Raptor Center receives around 4,000 calls per year from members of the public who are concerned for a bird's well-being. "Anyone can call with questions or concerns about local wildlife," Pyne says.

— Eve Weston



BEST LIBRARIAN

- 1. ALL OF THEM, EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 100 W. 10th Ave., 541-682-5450, 1566 Co-burg Rd., 1990 Echo Hollow Rd., Eugene-or.gov.
- 2. JULIE VIGNOUL**, *South Eugene High School*, 400 E. 19th Ave., 541-790-8000, Sehs.4j@lane.edu.
- 3. BEN FARRELL**, *University of Oregon Law School Library*, 1515 Agate St., 541-346-3088, Library.uoregon.edu/law.

BEST PROFESSOR

- 1. ANDREA HERRERA**, *University of Oregon Faculty Director, LGBTQIA+ Scholars*, AndreaPerrera.com.

2. BRIAN HAIMBACH

Lane Community College Theater.

3. HAYDEN HARKER

University of Oregon College of Arts and Sciences.

BEST EDUCATOR K-12

- 1. LEAH DUNBAR**, *Churchill High School*.
- 2. DEON SARACENO**, *Eugene International High School*.
- 3. INDIA JOHN**, *Wellsprings Friends*.

BEST LOCAL UPROAR

- 1. CANCELING CAHOOTS**
- 2. NO KINGS PROTEST**
- 3. ICE PROTESTS**

BEST LOCAL HELLRAISER

- 1. EUGENE WEEKLY**
- 2. SCOTT LANDFIELD**, *Tsunami Books*
- 3. SARAH PISHONERI**, *Labor Organizer*

Damn kids, it says a lot about the *Weekly*, or a lot about being journalists in this current political climate, or perhaps a lot about surviving an embezzlement because the community

rose up to save us, but here we are, a hellraising commie rag! — *Camilla Mortensen*

BEST NONPROFIT LEADER

1. **JENNIFER DENSON**, *Burrito Brigade.*
2. **CARY LIEBERMAN**, *Greenhill Humane Society.*
3. **ANTONIO HUERTA**, *Comunidad y Herencia Cultural.*

This category could also be called Best Community Hero. From Jennifer Denson's tireless work feeding the hungry, Cary Lieberman's leadership on the area's adoptable animals to Antonio Huerta's tireless efforts to showcase Latino culture, the nonprofit leaders in this town

shine. — *Camilla Mortensen*

BEST LOCAL POLITICIAN

1. **RON WYDEN**, *U.S. senator.*
2. **VAL HOYLE**, *U.S. representative.*
3. **KAARIN KNUDSON**, *Eugene mayor.*



ARTS AND PERFORMANCE

BEST PUBLIC ART

1. **MURALS** — *all of them*
2. **SUSPISH FISH**
3. **SIMPSONS MURALS IN DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD**

BEST ART GALLERY

1. **JORDAN SCHNITZER MUSEUM OF ART**, 1430 Johnson Lane, University of Oregon, 541-346-3027, jsma.uoregon.edu.
2. **THE HYBRID GALLERY**, 941 W. 3rd Ave., 541-321-6977, TheHybridEugene.com.
3. **NEW ZONE GALLERY**, 110 E. 11th Ave., 541-683-0759, NewZoneGallery.org.

BEST LOCAL ARTIST

1. **EMILY POOLE**, EPooleArt.com, [Instagram.com/epooleart/](https://www.instagram.com/epooleart/).
2. **SHANNA TRUMBLY**, ShannaTrumbly.com, [Instagram.com/shanna_trumbly_art/](https://www.instagram.com/shanna_trumbly_art/).
3. **JUD TURNER**, JudTurner.com.

BEST DRAG KING

1. **LUKE N. GOOD**, [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/luke.n.good/) and [Instagram.com/luke.n.good/](https://www.instagram.com/luke.n.good/).
2. **HEAVY CREAM**, [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/heavy_creammm) and [Instagram @heavy_creammm](https://www.instagram.com/heavy_creammm).
3. **EDD ZACKLEY**, [Instagram @eddZackley](https://www.instagram.com/eddZackley).

Fabulousness runs in the family. 2024's Best Drag King is Heavy Cream (Melanie Funke), who just happens to be Luke N. Good's (Sarah Majercin's) "Drag Dad" (the equivalent of a "big" in college Greek life). "When I was first starting out, the prospect of even finding makeup tutorials of how to present as a drag king was really difficult, so it was really invaluable to have [Cream] and others in the community who could give me tips," Majercin says. "He was definitely somebody in the community who gave me a lot of guidance. So if you see photos of us, people say there's family resemblance."

Though these two kings have a lot in common, along with both being the best, Luke N. Good has his own brand of charismatic glimmer. He's "the handsomest man in the world. He's very dapper. He's very self-assured. He's a bit of a playboy. He's definitely a huge flirt, and he likes to take off his pants," Majercin says. "There's also the PG side, where he's very goofy, he's very silly and he's definitely got a big nerdy side, too." Luke N. Good has produced a number of sexy nerd drag shows in and around Eugene, including ones that revolve around The Muppets, B-movies, Nicolas Cage, *Labyrinth* (1986) — Good portrayed the CGI owl at the beginning of the film — and

even a Jimmy Buffett show which drew in a much older crowd. Aside from that, Good is a member of Heavy Cream's Haus of Creme drag house, The Muse Collective Cabaret and a 2025 SLUG Queen runner up.

His favorite song to lip sync is "Boyfriend" by Lou Bega "because it talks about stealing somebody's girl, which I think is a very Luke N. Good move," Majercin says. — *Savannah Brown*

BEST PHOTOGRAPHER

1. **ATHENA DELENE**, *Delene & Co.*, 541-515-9442, Delene.Co.
2. **TYLER PRICE**, *Ty's Eye Photography*, [Tyseye.com/photography](https://www.tyseye.com/photography).
3. **TALON ALEISTER**, *Dean Photography*, [Instagram.com/talonaleisterphotography](https://www.instagram.com/talonaleisterphotography).

BEST LOCAL CLOTHING DESIGNER

1. **MITRA GRUWELL**, DiscardUpcycling.com.
2. **SWEET SKINS HEMP**, 850 W. 2nd Ave., 541-393-6925, SweetSkins.com.
3. **SIERAH, "SEW FRESH,"** [@sierahsewfresh](https://www.instagram.com/sierahsewfresh).

BEST CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

1. **EUGENE SYMPHONY**, EugeneSymphony.org.
2. **EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD YOUTH ORCHESTRA**, EsyOrchestras.org.
3. **CHAMBER MUSIC AMICI**, ChamberMusicAmici.org.

BEST LOCAL BAND

1. **THE SUGAR BEETS**, [Facebook.com/TheSugarBeets](https://www.facebook.com/TheSugarBeets).
2. **SOUL VIBRATOR**, [Instagram @soulvibrator](https://www.instagram.com/soulvibrator).
3. **BABYSMOOTH**, [Instagram @babysmoothsince-birth](https://www.instagram.com/babysmoothsince-birth).

BEST LOCAL THEATER COMPANY

1. **VERY LITTLE THEATRE**, 2350 Hilyard St., 541-344-7751, TheVlt.com.
2. **OREGON CONTEMPORARY THEATRE**, 194 W. Broadway, 541-465-1506, OCTheatre.org.
3. **COTTAGE THEATRE**, 700 Village Dr., Cottage Grove, 541-942-8001, CottageTheatre.org.

Local theater in and around Eugene is so good that this is a tight race. Very Little Theatre may have an edge because its roots go deeper into local history than anyone else's. It was founded in 1929, right before the stock market crashed, launching the Great Depression, and has been

bringing serious drama and bright comedy into people's lives ever since. — *Bob Keefer*

BEST DRAG QUEEN

1. **LYTA BLUNT**, [@lytablunt](https://www.lytablunt.com).
2. **KARRESS ANN SLAUGHTER (CORNEL HARDIMAN)**, [Facebook.com/GlamazonsEugene](https://www.facebook.com/GlamazonsEugene).
3. **SHIRLEY MENTAL**, [instagram.com/shirley_mental](https://www.instagram.com/shirley_mental).

BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS

1. **LYTA BLUNT**, [Instagram @lytablunt](https://www.instagram.com/lytablunt).
2. **KALI KARDAS**, [Instagram @kaliekardas](https://www.instagram.com/kalikardas).
3. **MOLLY MCCARTHY**, no information available locally.

BEST CLUB DJ

1. **DJ LYTA BLUNT**, [Instagram @lytablunt](https://www.instagram.com/lytablunt).
2. **DJ SMUVE**, [Instagram @djsmuve1](https://www.instagram.com/djsmuve1).
3. **DJ SAPPHIRE STRANGE**, [Instagram @sapphire.is.strange](https://www.instagram.com/sapphire.is.strange).

BEST LOCAL RADIO PERSONALITY OR PODCASTER

1. **LOVE CROSS**, *KLCC, 89.7 FM.*
2. **DEB TRIST, DOWNTOWN DEB**, *KLCC, 89.7 FM, Dead Air on Facebook, KLCC.org.*
3. **REVEREND MARC TIME**, *KWVA, 88.1 FM.*

When Eugene wakes up, many start their day by tuning in to their favorite morning host. For countless listeners — whether on the dial or through their smart speakers — that familiar voice on KLCC 89.7 FM belongs to Love Cross, on air each morning from 6 am to 9 am.

Cross joined KLCC in 2017, beginning her public radio career as a graduate student hosting Morning Edition for Boise State Public Radio in the late 1990s, according to her profile on KLCC.org.

Although she has earned multiple Edward R. Murrow Awards for Best Newscast and honors from the Public Media Journalists Association,

Cross says this was her first time being nominated in a Best of category in *Eugene Weekly*. "This is the first time I've even been nominated for something like this, so it's super fun," Cross says. "I just feel so grateful that I get to have such a wonderful job in our community." — *Kat Tabor*

BEST LOCAL TV PERSONALITY

1. **MATT TEMPLEMAN**, *KEZI, ABC Channel 9, KEZI.com.*
2. **GOLD MEADOWS**, *KMTR, NBC Channel 16, NBC16.com.*
3. **CLARE BRENNAN**, *FOX34, Fox Channel 34, OregonsFox.com.*

BEST JOURNALIST

1. **CAMILLA MORTENSEN**, *editor, Eugene Weekly, EugeneWeekly.com.*
2. **BRIAN BULL**, *reporter, KLCC & Buffalo's Fire, Kloc.org, BuffalosFire.com.*
3. **TIFFANY LEWIS**, *KVAL, CBS Channel 13, Kval.com.*

BEST SOCIAL MEDIA PERSONALITY

1. **EUGENE SLUG QUEENS**, [Instagram @slugg-ueens](https://www.instagram.com/slugg-ueens).
2. **LYTA BLUNT**, [Instagram @lytablunt](https://www.instagram.com/lytablunt).
3. **HAZEL JAE**, [Instagram @hazeldaegz](https://www.instagram.com/hazeldaegz).

BEST LOCAL FICTION WRITER OR POET

1. **JORAH LAFLEUR**, *spoken word poetry, JorahLaFleur.com.*
2. **JALEN THOMPSON**, *English instructor at UO College of Arts and Sciences. CAS.UOoregon.edu.*
3. **MIRIAM GERSHOW**, *fiction, MiriamGershow.com.*



BEST LOCAL ATHLETE

- 1. **YOSUKE SHIBATA**, South Eugene High School, track and field.
- 2. (tie) **BRYCE BOETTCHER**, University of Oregon football, **DANTE MOORE**, University of Oregon football.
- 3. **ERIC ROSENFELD**, Ultimate Frisbee.



BEST NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

- 1. **EUGENE SATURDAY MARKET**.
- 2. **SPRINGFIELD BLOCK PARTY**.
- 3. **WHITEAKER BLOCK PARTY**.

BEST PLACE TO DANCE

- 1. **BLAIRALLY**, 245 Blair Blvd., Blairally.com.
- 2. **WOW HALL**, 291 W. 8th Ave., WOWHall.org.
- 3. **COWFISH CAFE AND LOUNGE**, 62 W. Broadway, Facebook.com/cowfish.danceclub, Instagram @cowfishdanceclub_cafe.

BEST BURLESQUE PERFORMER

- 1. **BETTY JAEGER/PEACHES VON KILLINGSWORTH**, Instagram @peaches_von_killingsworth.
- 2. **BEBE BOUDOIR**, Instagram @bebeboudoir.
- 3. **KATANA DEVILLE**, Instagram @katanadevillex.

BEST LOCAL SINGER/SONGWRITER

- 1. **BAROQUE BETTY (BETTREENA JAEGER)**, Instagram.com/baroque_betty.
- 2. **HALIE LOREN**, HalieLoren.com.
- 3. **AMIIA NECTAR**, Instagram.com/amiianectar.



BEST LOCAL SINGER/SONGWRITER:
BAROQUE BETTY
(BETTREENA JAEGER)

GOING OUT2025 BEST OF EUGENE

BEST GAME NIGHT

- 1. **PLAY EUGENE**, 232 W. 5th Ave., 541-357-5010, PlayEugene.com.
- 2. **BINGO AT SAM BOND'S GARAGE**, 407 Blair Blvd., 541-431-6603, SamBonds.com.
- 3. **TRIVIA AT BEERGARDEN**, 777 W. 6th Ave., 541-505-9432, BeergardenMe.com.

BEST KARAOKE

- 1. **SLICE PIZZERIA**, 325 Blair Blvd., 541-653-9937, SlicePizzeriaBar.com.
- 2. **THE BARN LIGHT**, 924 Willamette St., 541-726-0313, Instagram @thebarnlightbar.
- 3. **KARAOKE CABARET**, The Sparrow & Serpent Pub, 211 Washington St., 541-844-1280, SparrowandSerpent.com.

BEST LOCAL COMEDIAN

- 1. **HAZEL JAE**, Instagram @hazeldaaz.
- 2. **SETH MILSTEIN**, Facebook.com/sethmilstein and Instagram @sethmils.
- 3. **JEN JAY**, Facebook.com/JentotheJay and Instagram @jen_to_the_jay.

BEST SINGLES SCENE

- 1. **IT'S THE TRENCHES OUT HERE!**
- 2. **BLAIRALLY VINTAGE ARCADE**, 245 Blair Blvd., 541-683-1721, Blairally.com.
- 3. **CROW & CART**, 543 Blair Blvd., 541-505-7240, CrowandCart.com.

BEST QUEER GATHERING SPOT

- 1. **THE SPARROW & SERPENT**, 211 Washington St., 541-844-1280, SparrowandSerpent.com.

- 2. **CROW & CART**, 543 Blair Blvd., 541-505-7240, CrowandCart.com.
- 3. **JAMESON'S BAR**, 115 W. Broadway, 541-485-9913, Jamesonsbar.com.

Emily Chappell, owner of The Sparrow & Serpent, Eugene Weekly readers pick for the Best Queer Gathering spot in Eugene, says her establishment is many things for many people. "Our events are always geared towards our various communities," she says, adding that drag queen Maliena is the force behind the brunch. According to Chappell, "People ask me, are we a goth bar, or a D&D bar, or a queer bar? And I say —YES!" EW readers also chose The Sparrow & Serpent, formerly Old Nick's, as Best Drag Brunch, so its queer-themed events are especially popular with the community. "We are so honored to receive this award," Chappell adds of Sparrow & Serpent's Best Queer Gathering Spot win. "For years we have attempted to support and go to bat for our community against growing hate and fascist bullshit," she says, "and it feels like we must be doing something right to receive the recognition. I always wanted to create a space where everyone felt safe being themselves." — Will Kennedy

BEST DRAG BRUNCH

- 1. **THE SPARROW & SERPENT PUB**, 211 Washington St., 541-844-1280, SparrowandSerpent.com.
- 2. **MASCARA AND MIMOSAS W/ KARESS ANN SLAUGHTER**, Facebook.com/GlamazonsEugene.
- 3. **HAUS OF BRUNCH**, The Barn Light, Instagram @hausoffblunt.

BEST TRIVIA NIGHT

- 1. **GEO CARCAMO**, beergarden and The Public House, Instagram @geocarcamo.
- 2. **FWD TRIVIA** (Forest Walker Davis), Claim 52 and Gratitude, Instagram @fwdtrivia and Facebook.com/fwdtrivia.
- 3. **MAX'S TAVERN**, 550 E. 13th Ave., 541-349-8986, MaxsEugene.com.

BEST CONCERT VENUE

- 1. **CUTHBERT AMPHITHEATER**, 601 Day Island Rd., 541-762-8099, TheCuthbert.com.
- 2. **WOW HALL**, 291 W. 8th Ave., 541-687-2746, WowHall.org.
- 3. **HULT CENTER**, 1 Eugene Ctr., 541-682-5000, HultCenter.org.

BEST EVENT VENUE

- 1. **MOUNT PISGAH ARBORETUM**, 34901 Frank Parrish Rd., 541-747-3817, MountPisgahArboretum.org.
- 2. **SWEET CHEEKS WINERY**, 27007 Briggs Hill Rd., 541-349-9463, SweetCheeksWinery.com.
- 3. **FARMERS MARKET PAVILION**, 85 E. 8th Ave., 541-852-7608, Eugene-or.gov/5061/Farmers-Market-Pavilion-and-Plaza.



Be it a summer wedding with a ceremony under the trees, the Mushroom Festival or the Wildflower Festival, Mount Pisgah Arboretum offers a scenic spot to gather with loved ones or everyone. And if the gathering gets to be too much, it's a short stroll to the river or a longer hike to Swing Hill to enjoy nature in peace before heading back to the party. — *Camilla Mortensen*

BEST PLACE TO TAKE THE KIDS

- 1. **EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 100 W. 10th Ave., 1566 Coburg Rd., 1990 Echo Hollow Rd., 541-682-5450, Eugene-or.gov/4422/Eugene-Public-Library.
- 2. **EUGENE SCIENCE CENTER**, 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy, 541-682-7888, EugeneScienceCenter.org.
- 3. **AMAZON POOL**, 2600 Hilyard St., 541-682-5350, Eugene-or.gov/3223/Amazon-Pool.

Nothing on this planet is more powerful than the written word, and because of that, librarians are some of the world's most important soldiers. As an army, the librarians of the Eugene Public Library work hard to keep Eugene's heart beating. It's no surprise that when faced to choose the Best Librarian out there, our readers just chose "all of them." Megan Prehm, the teens services librarian at the Downtown Eugene Public Library, says that being a good librarian means having a collective "focus on the community and making resources accessible and broad and comprehensive." Prehm says that above all, what makes the librarians the best is that "we all just care a lot about the people who live here and live around here."

Aside from containing almost all of the knowl-

edge and power you can find, the librarians have also made the libraries safe, welcoming and exciting environments for all ages. Serving weekly activities for all young people, from baby and toddler storytimes, to kid crafts, to Dungeons and Dragons for teens, the Eugene Public Libraries are by far and wide the Best Place to Take Your Kids. And the library wouldn't have it any other way. "Kids are the best part of the library," says Rob Foltz, the youth services librarian. He adds, "Kids understand that learning is fun, so we have lots of great things that they get to do that are just a blast."

Library director Angela Ocaña summarizes exactly why the library is the perfect spot for children. "The library is a place where you can learn but you can also be silly and be yourself. That makes it a very magical space," Ocaña says. — *Savannah Brown*

BEST PLACE TO GO FOR A RUN

- 1. **AMAZON TRAIL**, starts at the intersection of Amazon Parkway and 24th Ave.
- 2. **PRE'S TRAIL**, Alton Baker Park, 200 Day Island Rd.
- 3. **MOUNT PISGAH**, 34901 Frank Parrish Rd.

BEST DOG PARK

- 1. **WAYNE MORSE RANCH FAMILY FARM**, 595 Crest Dr., 541-682-5373, Eugene-or.gov/Facilities.
- 2. **AMAZON PARK**, 22 Amazon Pkwy., 541-682-4800, Eugene-or.gov/Facilities.
- 3. **ALTON BAKER PARK**, 200 Day Island Rd., 541-682-4800, Eugene-or.gov/Facilities.

EATS

BEST RESTAURANT

- 1. **YARDY RUM BAR**, 837 Lincoln St., 458-240-7564, YardyRumBar.com.
- 2. **CAFE SORIAH**, 384 W. 13th Ave., 541-342-4410, Soriah.com.
- 3. **NELSON'S IN THE WHIT**, 400 Blair Blvd., 541-844-8404, NelsonsintheWhit.net.

Isaiah Martinez, chef and owner of Yardy Rum Bar, and his restaurant won four categories: Best Restaurant, Best International Cuisine, Best Chicken Joint and Best Chef. Yardy also tied long-time local fav Poppi's Anatolia for Best International Cuisine That Didn't Fit in Another Category.

Yardy Rum Bar, a Caribbean-inspired restaurant, relies heavily on Northwest ingredients to cultivate its dishes. It started as a pop-up in 2020 before becoming a food cart. It then moved into its current location in January 2024.

The menu ranges from salads to fish and chicken dishes and to vegan and gluten free options. Martinez says Yardy is focused on trying to create food that is healthy and impressive.

But the most popular dish, he says, is chicken. It's not Yardy's first rodeo to win Best Chicken Joint. They first won in 2022 and then again in 2024. While chicken plays a major part in the restaurant's image, Martinez says he gets more excited about vegetables.

"I get more excited for perfectly cooked vegetables and really well-done things that are harder to do," he says. "But chicken is easy. So in my mind, I don't get as impressed with myself or any of our items that are chicken because it's like, 'we figured it out.' We're more focused on consistency and training than we are impressing people with chicken."



Martinez has been in the hospitality and culinary industry for 16 years. Over the years, he's worked at multiple restaurants, including local restaurant Marché.

With family from Puerto Rico and Grenada, Martinez has connected more with his Caribbean background. "I've had more fond experiences with my family being from the Caribbean and I've always been curious. I've been lost and confused about who I am as a person, and anytime I've put more focus and emphasize learning about Caribbean culture, it's been exciting to me," he says. "When the restaurant starts winning, or when I start winning, it's not me winning, it's like a culture winning because I'm celebrating a culture," he says. "So if I win, the culture wins." — *Ysabella Sosa*



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- 1. ISAAH MARTINEZ,** *Yardy Caribbean Restaurant & Rum Bar, 837 Lincoln St., 458-240-7564, YardyRum-Bar.com.*
- 2. IBRAHIM HAMIDE,** *Cafe Soriah, 384 W. 13th Ave., 541-342-4410, Soriah.com.*
- 3. NELSON LOPEZ,** *Nelson's in the Whit, 400 Blair Blvd., 541-844-8404, NelsonsinTheWhit.com.*

BEST INTERNATIONAL CUISINE THAT DIDN'T FIT IN ONE OF THE OTHER CATEGORIES

- 1. (tie) POPPI'S ANATOLIA** *(Greek), 296 E. 5th Ave., ste. 220, 541-343-9661, Poppi'sAnatolia.com and YARDY RUM BAR, 837 Lincoln St., 458-240-7564, YardyRumBar.com.*
- 2. AREKIE INDIAN FUSION CUISINE,** *207 Madison St., 541-797-3741, Arekie.com.*
- 3. EVERGREEN INDIAN,** *906 W. 7th Ave., 541-343-7944, EvergreenIndianRestaurant.com.*

BEST CHICKEN JOINT

- 1. YARDY CARIBBEAN RESTAURANT & RUM BAR,** *837 Lincoln St., 458-240-7564, YardyRumBar.com.*
- 2. HOT MAMA'S WINGS,** *420 W. 13th Ave., 541-653-9999, HotMammasWings.com.*
- 3. HOT HONEY,** *207 Madison St., Instagram @ hothoneyandoo.*

BEST OUT-OF-TOWN RESTAURANT (NOT IN EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD)

- 1. CRESWELL BAKERY,** *182 S. 2nd, Creswell, 541-895-5885, CreswellBakery.com.*
- 2. DUELING SPOONS,** *39074 Jasper Lowell Road, Fall Creek, 541-398-8929, DuelingSpoons.net.*
- 3. ALESONG BREWING AND BLENDING,** *80848 Territorial Hwy., 541-844-9925, AlesongBrewing.com.*

BEST NEW RESTAURANT

- 1. ABILITIES DINER AND BAKERY,** *790 Blair Blvd., 541-603-9888, AbilitiesdinerandBakery.com.*
- 2. EL NAPOLITO,** *1203 Willamette St., 541-357-1016, Elnopalito541.com.*
- 3. DOMEK,** *454 Willamette St., 458-544-1312, Dome-keEugene.com.*

A new restaurant setting itself apart, turning disabilities into abilities, Abilities Diner and Bakery is bringing a unique spin to serving comforting diner food and heart-warming staples to the community of Eugene.

In its second year of operation, Abilities sets itself apart by hiring workers with disabilities, providing an opportunity for those neglected by society to show how vital they can be to a

successful business.

“Everyone who works here has either a mental or physical disability, but we focus on their abilities,” says owner Juliann Fitzgerald.

“This place gives people with varying abilities a chance to shine,” she adds.

Considered an “old school diner” by Fitzgerald, staples like eggs Benedict, chicken fried steak and French toast are fan favorites at the new diner on Blair Boulevard. As a fully equipped diner and bakery, a full bar adds something for everyone. Heartwarming comfort meals, community connection and “fresh-made flavor” is why the community voted Abilities Diner and Bakery as Best New Restaurant in Eugene.

“We cater to everyone; we want everyone to feel welcome here,” Fitzgerald says. — *Corin Antonio*

BEST CATERING

- 1. MUCHO GUSTO,** *67 Oakway Ctr., 541-343-1481, MuchoGustoMex.com.*
- 2. CAFE YUMM,** *3340 Gateway St., 1801 Willamette St., 550 Pearl St., ste. 13, 860 E. 13th Ave., 130 Oakway Ctr., 3333 RiverBend Dr., Spfd., CafeYumm.com.*
- 3. ALMA CATERING** *(FOOD For Lane County), 7780 Bailey Hill Rd., 541-513-2253, AlmaCatering.net.*

BEST FOOD CART POD

- 1. BEERGARDEN,** *777 W. 6th Ave., 541-505-9432, BeerGardenme.com.*
- 2. THE GARDEN ON FRIENDLY,** *2760 Friendly St., TheGardenonFriendly.com.*



- 3. OAKSHIRE BREWING,** *1055 Madera St., 541-688-4555, Oakbrew.com.*

BEST FOOD CART

- 1. NELSON'S TAQUERIA,** *permanently closed.*
- 2. AREKIE — INDIAN FUSION CUISINE,** *2758 Friendly St., 458-273-7810, Arekie.com.*
- 3. YABAI NIKKEI,** *263 Mill St., 541-393-4721, Yabainikkei.com.*

BEST LATIN AMERICAN FOOD

- 1. NELSON'S IN THE WHIT,** *400 Blair Blvd., 541-844-8404, NelsonsinTheWhit.com.*
- 2. EL NOPALITO,** *1203 Willamette St., 541-357-1016, Elnopalito541.com.*
- 3. TACOVORE,** *530 Blair Blvd., 541-735-3518, Taco-Vorepnw.com.*

BEST BARTENDER

- 1. JON BIGLOW,** *Nelson's in the Whit, 400 Blair Blvd., 541-844-8404, NelsonsinTheWhit.com.*
- 2. BAYLEE HAMLOW,** *PLAY Eugene, 232 W. 5th Ave., 541-357-5010, PlayEugene.com.*
- 3. MATT KRAVITZ,** *Domek, 454 Willamette St., 458-544-1312, DomekEugene.com.*

BEST SERVER

- 1. KRISTIAN TAYLOR,** *Mandy's Family Restaurant, 1491 Willamette St., Mandys-Restaurant.com.*
- 2. JORDEN BLAIR,** *Nelson's in the Whit, 400 Blair Blvd., 541-844-8404, NelsonsinTheWhit.com.*

- 3. THUNDER BLOOMER,** *Nelson's in the Whit, 400 Blair Blvd., 541-844-8404, NelsonsinTheWhit.com.*

BEST FANCY MEAL

- 1. CAFE SORIAH,** *384 W. 13th Ave., 541-342-4410, Soriah.com.*
- 2. BAR PURLIEU,** *1530 Willamette St., 458-201-7044, BarPurlieu.com.*
- 3. MARCHÉ,** *296 E. 5th Ave., 541-342-3612, MarcheR-estaurant.com.*

BEST CHEAP EATS

- 1. GOTCHA BURGER,** *1702 W. 7th Ave., 541-653-9077, Facebook/GotchaBurgers.*
- 2. BURRITO BOY,** *Eugene, 510 E. Broadway, 541-344-8070, 2511 W. 11th Ave., 541-338-4219, 1060 River Rd., 541-689-7970, 1840 Chambers St., 541-246-8775, 1071 Valley River Dr., 541-343-8089, 1889 Olympic St., Spfd., 541-747-7775, BurritoBoy.com.*
- 3. EL SUPER BURRITO,** *2566 Willamette St., 541-485-0619, ElSuperBurrito.com.*

BEST TAKEOUT

- 1. TA RA RIN,** *1200 Oak St., 541-343-1230, Tararin-Thai.com.*
- 2. UME GRILL SKEWER HOUSE,** *1733 Pearl St., 458-544-1377, Umegrillmenu.com, Hilyard St. & 24th Ave., 541-930-9392, Umegrillmenu.com, 2600 Hilyard St., Facebook.com/umegrillandocafe.*

- 3. CAFE YUMM,** *3340 Gateway St., 1801 Willamette St., 550 Pearl St., ste. 13, 860 E. 13th Ave., 130 Oakway Ctr., 3333 RiverBend Dr., Spfd., CafeYumm.com.*

BEST DISTILLERY

- 1. HERITAGE DISTILLING,** *110 Madison St., 541-357-4431, HeritageDistilling.com.*
- 2. 4 SPIRITS DISTILLERY,** *3405 SW Deschutes St., Corvallis, 541-368-3195, 4spiritsDistillery.com.*
- 3. WOLF SPIRIT,** *permanently closed.*

BEST LOCAL WINE

- 1. SWEET CHEEKS WINERY,** *27007 Briggs Hill Rd., 541-349-9463, SweetCheeksWinery.com.*
- 2. SARVER WINERY,** *25600 Mayola Lane, 541-935-2979, SarverWinery.com.*
- 3. KING ESTATE WINERY,** *80854 Territorial Hwy., 541-942-9874, KingEstate.com.*

BEST SPECIAL BREW BY A LOCAL BREWERY

- 1. CZECH PILS, COLD FIRE BREWING COMPANY,** *263 Mill St., 541-636-3889, ColdfireBrewing.com.*
- 2. PERFECT STORM,** *Oakshire Brewing, 1055 Madera St., 541-688-4555, Oakbrew.com.*
- 3. RHINO SUIT,** *Alesong Brewing, 80848 Territorial Hwy., 541-844-9925, AlesongBrewing.com.*

BEST PLACE FOR A NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

- 1. BNF KOMBUCHA & JUN,** *2495 Prairie Rd., 541-653-9816, Bnfkombucha.com.*
- 2. HIGH STREET TONICS,** *267 W. 8th Ave., 458-215-4814, HighStreetTonics.com.*
- 3. CROW & CART,** *543 Blair Blvd., 541-505-7240, CrowandCart.com.*

BEST MIXED DRINKS

- 1. THE MONKEY'S PAW,** *420 Main St., Spfd., 541-505-7975, Facebook.com/themonkeys pawtikibar.*
- 2. PARTY BAR,** *55 W. Broadway, 541-345-8228, PartyEugene.com.*
- 3. CROW & CART,** *543 Blair Blvd., 541-505-7240, CrowandCart.com.*

Some people have neighborhood bars where sports highlights light up the TV screens and the hoppy beer flows all night from the taps. But that's not for me. Give me a night of mixed drinks from Monkey's Paw Tiki Bar anytime.

The Monkey's Paw is one of the few places in the area that celebrates the art of tiki drinks while diving deep into gimmick. The bar has the tried and true classics like the Blue Hawaiian and the Mai Tai 1944. But it's also willing to don pomp and circumstance, especially when it lights up the Scorpion Bowl as a sort of high

mass incense burn for the tiki bar patrons.

The Monkey’s Paw can be a place for a brief getaway, a blackout curtain for day drinking if you will. But it’s also providing much needed free or cheap nightlife options for downtown Springfield. With weekly karaoke, frequent live music and a no cost pool table, don’t expect any curses when you wish for a good time with this Monkey Paw. — *Henry Houston*

BEST BAR

- 1. JACKALOPE LOUNGE**, 453 Willamette St., 541-485-1519, JackalopeLounge.com.
- 2. PARTY BAR**, 55 W. Broadway, 541-345-8228, PartyEugene.com.
- 3. IZAKAYA MEIJI CO.**, 345 Van Buren St., 541-505-8804, IzakayaMeiji.com.

BEST BAKERY

- 1. SWEET LIFE PATISserie**, 755 Monroe St., 541-683-5676, SweetLifeDesserts.com.
- 2. NOISETTE PASTRY KITCHEN**, 200 W. Broadway, 541-654-5257, NoisettePK.com.
- 3. HIDEAWAY BAKERY**, 3377 E. Amazon Dr., 541-868-1982, HideawayBakery.com.

BEST ICE CREAM OR DESSERTS

- 1. SWEET LIFE PATISserie**, 755 Monroe St., 541-683-5676, SweetLifeDesserts.com.
- 2. PRINCE PÜCKLER’S**, 1605 E. 19th Ave., 541-344-4418, PrincePucklers.com.
- 3. NOISETTE PASTRY KITCHEN**, 200 W. Broadway, 541-654-5257, NoisettePK.com.

BEST VEGAN DISH

- 1. THREE SISTERS, MORNING GLORY CAFÉ**, 450 Willamette St., 541-687-0709, MorningGloryEugene.com.
- 2. BISCUITS AND GRAVY, ACORN COMMUNITY CAFÉ**, 769 Monroe St., 541-403-7647, EatAcornCafe.com.
- 3. TEMPEH REUBEN, VIVA! VEGETARIAN GRILL**, 1171 Willamette St., 541-636-5826, Eugene-Cooks.com.

BEST VEGETARIAN

- 1. MORNING GLORY CAFÉ**, 450 Willamette St., 541-687-0709, MorningGloryEugene.com.
- 2. CAFE YUMM**, 3340 Gateway St., 1801 Willamette St., 550 Pearl St., Ste. 13, 860 E. 13th Ave., 130 Oakway Ctr., 3333 RiverBend Dr., Spfd., CafeYumm.com.
- 3. ACORN COMMUNITY CAFÉ**, 769 Monroe St., 541-403-7647, EatAcornCafe.com.

BEST BRUNCH SPOT

- 1. MORNING GLORY CAFÉ**, 450 Willamette St., 541-687-0709, MorningGloryEugene.com.
- 2. BRAIL’S RESTAURANT**, 395 W. 5th Ave., 541-342-2075, 1689 Willamette St., 541-343-1542, Brail-sRestaurant.com.
- 3. LION AND OWL**, 60 E. 11th Ave., 541-606-0626, LionAndOwl.com.

BEST BREAKFAST

- 1. MORNING GLORY CAFÉ**, 450 Willamette St., 541-687-0709, MorningGloryEugene.com.
- 2. BRAIL’S RESTAURANT**, 395 W. 5th Ave., 541-342-2075, 1689 Willamette St., 541-343-1542, Brail-sRestaurant.com.
- 3. THE GLENWOOD**, 2588 Willamette St., 541-687-8201, GlenwoodRestaurants.com.

BEST COFFEE SHOP

- 1. WANDERING GOAT**, 268 Madison St., 541-344-5161, WanderingGoat.com.
- 2. FARMERS UNION COFFEE ROASTERS**, 152 W. 5th Ave., FarmersUnionCoffee.com.
- 3. VERO ESPRESSO HOUSE**, 205 E. 14th Ave., 541-654-0504, VeroEspressoHouse.com.

BEST BAGEL PLACE

- 1. LOX, STOCKS & BAGELS**, 368 E. 40th Ave., 541-692-2435, LoxStocksandBagels.com.



- 2. BAGEL SPHERE**, 4089 W 11th Ave., 541-868-1072, BagelSphere.com.
- 3. HIDEAWAY BAKERY**, 3377 E. Amazon Dr., 541-868-1982, HideawayBakery.com.

Tucked into southeast Eugene’s business park on 40th Avenue between Bo’s Wine Depot and, of course, a bodyweight interval training studio, lies a hidden gem far from downtown. Lox, Stocks & Bagels promises the only boiled bagels in Eugene. A boiled bagel, like the ones at Lox, Stocks & Bagels, ensures a crunchy exterior and a pillowy interior — plus, it’s how it’s done in New York City. The folks at Lox are a handful of bagel lovers who, according to their website, prioritize craftsmanship and take pride in a hardworking night crew that brings a fresh batch of bagels to fruition each morning. Though the bagel bakery has changed hands, they’ve never touched the recipe.

Whether you’re there for breakfast or lunch, take your pick from 14 bagel varieties, a handful of lunch sandwiches or the soup du jour. There’s something for everyone at Lox, even if you’re just swinging by on your way out of Safeway. — *Mirandah Davis-Powell*

BEST PIZZA

- 1. HEY, NEIGHBOR! PIZZA HOUSE**, 605 W. 19th Ave. & 1621 E. 19th Ave., 541-605-9302, H-n-p-h.com.
- 2. THE WHEEL APIZZA PUB**, 390 Lincoln St., #101, 541-735-3860, TheWheelApizzaPub.com.
- 3. (tie) MEZZA LUNA PIZZERIA**, 933 Pearl St., 541-684-8900, 115 S. 5th St., Spfd, 541-653-8661, MezzalunaPizzeria.com and **OSTERIA DOP**, 1122 Oak St., 541-913-6460, OsteriaDop.com.

BEST BARBECUE

- 1. PAPER PLATE BBQ**, 263 Mill St., 541-606-2130, PaperPlateBbq.com.
- 2. BILL & TIM’S BARBECUE AND TAP HOUSE**, 201 E. 13th Ave., 541-654-0578, BillandTims.com.
- 3. HOLE IN THE WALL BARBECUE**, 3200 W. 11th Ave., 541-683-7378, HoleintheWallbbq.com.

BEST CHAIN RESTAURANT TO CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY

- 1. MCMENAMINS**, North Bank, 22 Club Rd., 541-343-5622, High Street Brewery, 1243 High St., 541-345-4905, East 19th Café, 1485 E. 19th Ave., 541-342-4025, McMenamins.com.
- 2. TEXAS ROADHOUSE**, 1060 Valley River Way, 541-345-7427, TexasRoadHouse.com.
- 3. RED ROBIN**, 1221 Executive Pkwy., 541-484-9588, RedRobin.com.

Bring your party of five and celebrate your birthday at McMenamins, the place of beer, Cajun tots and burgers. The atmosphere inside this favorite chain restaurant is campy, casual and outdoorsy. There are three locations in Eugene — East 19th Avenue, High Street and Club Road — and the one located on Club Road feels like you’re in a tree hut overlooking the Willamette River.

Interestingly enough, none of the locations say they do something special for birthdays, not a free dessert nor pastry.

Brothers Mike and Brian McMenamin opened its first location as we know it today in 1983. Since then, the company has rehabilitated multiple historic properties into pubs and restaurants across the state. — *Ysabella Sosa*

BEST THAI FOOD

- 1. TA RA RIN**, 1200 Oak St., 541-343-1230, TararinThai.com.
- 2. KROB KRUA THAI KITCHEN**, 1313 Pearl St., 541-636-6267, KrobKrua.com.

- 3. SABAI, 27 OAKWAY CTR.**, 541-654-5424, SabaiCafe.com.

BEST CHINESE FOOD

- 1. JADE DUMPLING & NOODLE HOUSE**, 2560 Willamette St., 541-968-9258, JadeDumplingor.com.
- 2. BAO BAO HOUSE**, 868 W Park St., 541-799-1088, and 3342 Gateway St., Spfd., 541-600-8868, Baobao-Houseor.com.
- 3. SPICE N’ STEAM**, 1655 W. 11th Ave., 541-654-0338, SpioenSteam.com.

BEST KOREAN FOOD

- 1. TIGER MAMA**, 1080 W. 3rd Ave., 458-273-3166, Instagram @tigermamautrecht.
- 2. SEOUL K-FOOD**, 2870 Willamette St., 458-210-2945, Seoulk-food.com.
- 3. KKOKI KOREAN BBQ**, 65 Division Ave., 541-844-1398, Kkokibbq.com.

BEST JAPANESE FOOD

- 1. IZAKAYA MEIJI**, 345 Van Buren St., 541-505-8804, IzakayaMeiji.com.
- 2. AKIRA**, 359 Mill St., 458-205-8288, AkiraEugene.com.
- 3. SUSHI PURE**, 259 E. 5th Ave., 541-654-0608, SushiPureEugene.com.

BEST ITALIAN FOOD

- 1. OSTERIA DOP**, 1122 Oak St., 541-913-6460, OsteriaDop.com.
- 2. BEPPE AND GIANNI’S TRATTORIA**, 1646 E. 19th Ave., 541-683-6661, BeppeandGiannis.net.
- 3. PLACIDO’S PASTA SHOP**, 120 Shelton McMurphey Blvd., #110, 458-205-8092, Placidos.com.

BEST COMFORT FOOD

- 1. TOSHI’S RAMEN**, 1520 Pearl St., 541-683-7833, ToshisRamen.com.
- 2. NELSON’S IN THE WHIT**, 400 Blair Blvd., 541-844-8404, NelsonsInTheWhit.com.
- 3. MANDY’S FAMILY RESTAURANT**, 1491 Willamette St., 541-654-0382, Mandys-Restaurant.com.

BEST BAR GRUB

- 1. PARTY BAR**, 55 W. Broadway, 541-345-8228, PartyEugene.com.
- 2. THE BIER STEIN BOTTLESHOP & PUB**, 1591 Willamette St., 541-485-2437, ThebierStein.com.
- 3. JACKALOPE LOUNGE**, 453 Willamette St., 541-485-1519, JackalopeLounge.com.

BEST PLACE TO GET A BURGER

- 1. GOTCHA BURGER**, 1702 W. 7th Ave., 541-653-9077, Facebook/GotchaBurgers.
- 2. CORNUCOPIA**, 521 Main St., Spfd., 207 E. 5th Ave., 295 W. 17th Ave., 541-485-2879, CornucopiaEugene.com.
- 3. TOXIC BURGER**, 2866 Willamette St., 541-930-3355, 2766 W. 11th Ave., 541-255-4345, 943 River Rd., 541-689-9464, 4175 Main St., Spfd., 541-650-6165, 285 E. Oregon Ave., Creswell, 541-658-5251, ToxicBurger.com.

BEST PLACE TO SIP A CUP OF TEA

- 1. PORTAL TEA**, 41 W. Broadway, 541-636-3021, PortalTea.co.
- 2. FARMERS UNION COFFEE ROASTERS**, 152 W. 5th Ave., FarmersUnionCoffee.com.
- 3. J-TEA**, 2778 Friendly St., 541-357-5492, JtealInternational.com.

BEST BARISTA

- 1. AARON (SULLY) SULLIVAN**, Wandering Goat, 268 Madison St., 541-344-5161, WanderingGoat.com.
- 2. LILY FRAZEE**, Glasshouse Coffee & Kitchen, 520 Blair Blvd., 458-210-8357, RadiantCoffeeRoasters.com.
- 3. JACI BOTHMAN**, Farmers Union Coffee Roasters, 152 W. 5th Ave., FarmersUnionCoffee.com.

BEST PLACE TO EAT AND NOT WORRY ABOUT ALLERGIES

- 1. (tie) **HOME AND JAZZY LADIES**, 560 Oak St., 541-636-9923, JazzyLadiesCafe.com.
- 2. **ACORN COMMUNITY CAFÉ**, 769 Monroe St., 541-403-7647, EatAcornCafe.com.
- 3. **MORNING GLORY CAFÉ**, 450 Willamette St., 541-687-0709, MorningGloryEugene.com.

Yeah, if you've got a food allergy, maybe it's

best to eat at home. But cooking at home gets old, real quick. Nothing is more of a drag than remembering after a day of work to go in the kitchen and cook — and then wash dishes. So celiacs of the world unite, because Jazzy Ladies Cafe and Club is a gluten-free space to run away from the never-ending question, “What’s for dinner?”

Jazzy Ladies' menu has something for a groggy morning brunch, casual dinner before

a show at the Hult Center, or fine dining for a special occasion. And it's the special occasions that the celiacs can savor dishes that would otherwise be a roll of the dice in wheat-infested kitchens. The restaurant has several dishes to list that warrant this place better than home — the Diablo Shrimp Pasta, patatas bravas, chicken marsala — but nothing beats a safe place where you can enjoy a slice of bread and dip it in oil and balsamic without worry of cross

contamination. Living up to its name, on Thursdays, the restaurant hosts live jazz, often bringing in the Jazz Ambassadors, three legendary fixtures of Eugene's jazz scene: bassist Steve Mosher, pianist Gus Russell and drummer Georges Bouhey. Maybe eating at home is the safest bet for those with food allergies, but if you've got celiac, Jazzy Ladies will always beat laboring in the kitchen. — Henry Houston

BUSINESS 2025 BEST OF EUGENE

BEST BUDTENDER

- 1. **TIFF SMITH**, Electric Lettuce, 1201 W. 11th Ave., 541-735-3813, ElectricLettuce.com.
- 2. **KRIS STAPLETON**, Going Green Eugene, 439 W. 1st Ave., 541-735-3521, Dutchie.com.
- 3. **MICHAEL HARRIS**, TJ's on Willamette, 1027 Willamette St., 541-246-8835, Tjsoregon.com.

BEST CANNABIS DISPENSARY

- 1. **MOSS CROSSING**, 2751 Friendly St., 541-636-3724, MossCrossing.com.
- 2. **SPACEBUDS THE DISPENSARY**, 741 Lincoln St., 541-505-9834, SpacebudstheDispensary.com.
- 3. (tie) **TJ'S ON WILLAMETTE**, 1027 Willamette St., 541-246-8835, Tjsoregon.com and **SWEET TREE FARMS**, 4097 W. 11th Ave., 541-246-8075, StfEugene.com.

BEST RETAIL STORE THAT DIDN'T FIT IN ANOTHER CATEGORY

- 1. **THE CRYPT**, 226 7th St., Springfield, Instagram @thecrypt541.
- 2. **PASSIONFLOWER DESIGN**, 128 E. Broadway, 541-344-3857, PassionFloweDesign.com.
- 3. **HARLEQUIN BEADS & JEWELRY**, 2833 Willamette St., Harlequinbeads.com.

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE WORKER

- 1. **CALVIN ORLANDO SMITH**, Albertsons on Hilyard, 3075 Hilyard St., 541-687-1742, Local.albertsons.com.
- 2. **STEPH ROEMER**, Hodgepodge Books and Taps, 158 E. 14th Ave., 541-525-1718, Booksandtaps.com.
- 3. **JANET**, Bi-Mart on 18th & Chambers, 1680 W. 18th Ave., 541-342-2687, Bimart.com.

BEST BUSINESS ACCOUNTING FIRM

- 1. **SCHAPIRO CPA**, PO Box 11233, Schapirocpa.com.
- 2. **ACCOUNTANTS ON THE GO**, 1850 Oak St., 541-342-1040, Accountants-on-the-go.com.
- 3. **BEAN COUNTERS**, 1293 18th St., Spfd., 541-726-0908, BeanCounterTax.com.

BEST BARBER

- 1. **ASHLEY NEWPORT**, Anomaly Hair Collective, 837 Monroe St., AnomalyHairCollective.com.
- 2. **JORDIN MCDOWELL**, Anomaly Hair Collective, 837 Monroe St., AnomalyHairCollective.com.
- 3. **GRETCHEN COSTELLO**, Oakway Barbershop, 15 Oakway Ctr., OakwayBarbershop.com.

BEST HAIR STYLIST

- 1. **AMANDA NICOLE**, 4247 Loft, 390 Lincoln St., 541-515-6422, 4247Loft.com.
- 2. **ELENA LEONA CARBAJAL**, I Run With Scissors, the salon, 1849 Oak St., 541-357-5421, IrunwithScissorstheSalon.com.

- 3. **TINA THORNLEY**, Amethyst Hair Studio, 1631 Oak St., 541-520-2268, Linktr.ee/amethysthairstudio541.

BEST VETERINARIAN

- 1. **JODI WIKTOROWSKI**, Eugene Animal Hospital, 1432 Orchard St. 541-342-1178, EugeneAnimal.com.
- 2. **CAMERON JONES**, Amazon Park Animal Clinic, 725 E. 25th Ave. 541-485-0161, AmazonParkVet.com.
- 3. **PATRICIA SHEA**, Cat Care Eugene, 1400 Willamette St., 541-302-5824, CatCareEugene.com.

BEST MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST

- 1. **GEO BITGOOD**, Alive Holistic Counseling, 2233 Willamette St., Bldg. F, 541-357-3248, AliveHolisticCounseling.com.
- 2. **LESLIE PRIETO**, Lane County Mobile Crisis Service, text 988 or call 541-682-1001, Eugene-or.gov/5389/Mobile-Crisis-Services.
- 3. **AIMEE GOGLIA**, private practice, 541-361-5112.

BEST MASSAGE THERAPIST

- 1. **MORGAN HAWK**, Orb Weaver Healing Arts, 201 Blair Blvd., 828-620-6097, OrbWeaverHealing.com.
- 2. **LILY BRUNNER**, Tigerlily Massage, 740 Main St., Springfield, Massagebook.com/therapists/tigerlilymassageilc.
- 3. **FIVE BODIES COLLECTIVE**, 2485 W. 7th Place, ste. 1, 541-344-4788, FiveBodiesCollective.com.

BEST TATTOO ARTIST OR PIERCER

- 1. **COURTNEY STROMING**, Queen Bee Tattoo & Salon, 226 Main St., Springfield, 541-747-9573, Queen-BeeTattoos.com.
- 2. **SAMANTHA HOUSTON**, Dream House Piercing, 114 E. 16th Ave., 541-321-0112, DreamHousePiercing.com.
- 3. **SUMMER SHIELD**, Dirt Nap Tattoo, 247 W. 10th Ave., Instagram @dirtnaptattoostudio.

BEST PLACE TO GET A USED CAR

- 1. **KENDALL VALUE LOT**, 20 Coburg Rd., 844-376-9175, KendalValueLotEugene.com.
- 2. **ST. VINNIES ON 99**, 456 Hwy 99 N, 541-461-4688, Svdp.us/services.
- 3. **LITHIA NISSAN**, 2060 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., 541-658-1126, LithiaNissanEugene.com.

BEST AUTO REPAIR

- 1. **JOE'S GARAGE**, 888 W. 1st Ave., 541-507-8788, JoesGarageEugene.com.
- 2. **SUN AUTOMOTIVE**, 1905 Agate St. (541-344-0869), 391 Rustic Place (541-344-2219), 255 S. A St., Springfield (541-746-6430), 490 Ivy St., Junction City (541-746-6430), SunAutomotive.com.
- 3. **CITY VIEW IMPORTS**, 251 W. 7th Ave., 541-484-5555, CityViewImport.com.

BEST BICYCLE STORE

- 1. **BICYCLE WAY OF LIFE**, 556 Charnelton St., 541-344-4105, 2480 Alder St., 541-342-6155, Biocycle-way.com.



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- 1. **KIVA GROCERY STORE**, 125 W. 11th Ave., 541-342-8666, KivaGrocery.com.
- 2. **SUNDANCE NATURAL FOODS**, 748 E. 24th Ave., 541-343-9142, SundanceNaturalFoods.com.
- 3. **CAPELLA MARKET**, 2489 Willamette St., 541-345-1014, CapellaMarket.com.

Eugene's lucky for its relative abundance of walkable local markets. Some cities are food deserts and others are limited to big chain groceries, but here, we have locally owned stores full of locally grown, organic and specialty foods. Eugene Weekly doesn't decide who wins — this is a readers poll — but we do confess to having the deli offerings at first-place winner Kiva memorized! — Camilla Mortensen

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- 1. **ART OF WAR MMA**, 164 W. Broadway, 541-870-6954, ArtofWar-mma.com.
- 2. **QUEER EUGENE GRAPPLING CLUB**, Beginner Jiu Jitsu, The Lavender Network, 440 Maxwell Rd., Instagram @queer.eugene.grappling.club.
- 3. **RMA MARTIAL ARTS**, 2709 Willamette St., 541-344-0404, RightMentalAttitude.com.

BEST YOGA

- 1. **EVERYDAY PEOPLE YOGA**, 352 W. 12th Ave., 541-782-8678, EpyogaEugene.com.
- 2. **EUGENE YOGA**, 3575 Donald St., 541-520-8771; 199 E. 5th Ave., 541-520-8771, EugeneYoga.us.
- 3. **THE YOGA PLACE**, 4730 Village Plaza Loop, ste. 130, 541-654-4475, YogaPlaceEugene.com.

BEST GYM

- 1. **EUGENE YMCA**, 600 East 24th Ave., 541-686-9622, EugeneYmca.org.
- 2. **ELEVATION BOULDERING GYM**, 348 Lincoln St., 541-972-3595, ElevationGym.com.
- 3. **DOWNTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB**, 999 Willamette St., 541-484-4011, DowntownAC.com.



- 2. **SHIFT COMMUNITY CYCLES**, 811 W. 6th Ave., 541-728-2453, Shiftcc.org.
- 3. **HUTCH'S BICYCLE STORE**, 960 Charnelton St., 541-345-7521, Facebook/HutchsBicycles.

BEST GARDEN GEAR SHOP

- 1. **DOWN TO EARTH HOME, GARDEN & GIFT**, 532 Olive St., 541-342-6820, DowntoEarthEugene.com.
- 2. **GRAY'S GARDEN CENTER**, 737 W. 6th Ave., 541-345-1569, GraysGardens.com.
- 3. **EUGENE BACKYARD FARMER**, 501 Washington St., 541-485-3276, EugeneBackyardFarmer.com.

BEST FARMERS MARKET

- 1. **LANE COUNTY FARMERS MARKET ON SATURDAY**, Farmers Market Pavilion, 85 E. 8th Ave., LaneCountyFarmersMarket.org.
- 2. **TUESDAY MARKET AT FARMERS MARKET PAVILION**, Farmers Market Pavilion, 85 E. 8th Ave., LaneCountyFarmersMarket.org.
- 3. **WHITEAKER COMMUNITY MARKET**, 1180 W. 4th Ave., WhiteakerCommunityMarket.com.

BEST CREDIT UNION

- 1. OREGON COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, 488 E. 11th Ave., 3065 W. 11th Ave., 2890 Willamette St., 800-265-1111, MyOccu.org.
- 2. SELCO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, 299 E. 11th Ave., 3630 W 11th Ave., 221 Division Ave., 925 Harlow Rd., Spfd., 5251 Main St., Spfd., 800-445-4483, Selco.org.
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- 1. GHOST TOWN OUTFITTERS, 1040 Tyinn St. and 365 E. 13th Ave., 541-654-6876. Instagram @ghost.town.outfitters.
- 2. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF LANE COUNTY, 2890 Chad Drive, 541-743-7117 and 199 Q St., Spfd., 541-746-7784, as well as a dozen other sites in and around Lane County. SVDP.us.
- 3. WILD PAISLEY VINTAGE, 37 W. 13th Ave., 828-242-2961, Instagram @wildpaisleyvintage.

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- 1. SPERRY TREE CARE, 29978 E. Enid Rd., 541-461-1737, SperryTreeCare.com.
- 2. GREENTREE ARBORISTS, 4075 Aerial Way, 541-735-2499, EugeneArborists.com.
- 3. (tie) CHANDLER’S TREE SERVICE, 541-953-7120, ChandlersTrees.com and KYLE KING TREE SERVICE, 85192 S. Willamette St., no social media available.

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- 1. EUGENE GEAR TRADERS, 505 Willamette St., ste. 110, 541-515-6764, EugeneGearTraders.com.
- 2. BERG’S SKI SHOP, 367 W. 13th Ave., 541-683-1300, BergsSkiShop.com.
- 3. OREGON PADDLE SPORTS, 520 Commercial St., 541-505-9020, OregonPaddleSports.com.

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- 1. WIZARD CUSTOM BUILDERS, 865 Conger St., 541-799-6123, WizardCustomBuilders.com.
- 2. STONEWOOD CONSTRUCTION, 935 Oak St., 541-485-6638, StonewoodConstruction.com.
- 3. JUSTIN CHITWOOD, CASCADIA CONSTRUCTION, 3341 Videra Dr.

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- 1. CAMBRIA TRENT, Hybrid Real Estate, 701 High St., 541-343-0322, Hybridrealestate.org.
- 2. KEVIN LEVY, Hybrid Real Estate, 701 High St., 541-343-0322, Hybridrealestate.org.
- 3. ASHLEY JORGENSEN, Windermere Real Estate, 1600 Oak St., 541-484-2022, 3011 N. Delta Hwy, 541-465-8103, WindermereLANECO.com.

BEST SECONDHAND FURNITURE SHOP

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- 2. BRING RECYCLING, 4446 Franklin Blvd., 541-746-3023, Bringrecycling.org.
- 3. OAK STREET VINTAGE, 500 Olive St., 541-345-1883, OakStreetVintage.com.

BEST INDIE BOOKSTORE

- 1. TSUNAMI BOOKS, 2585 Willamette St., 541-345-8986, TsunamiBooks.org.
- 2. SMITH FAMILY BOOKSTORE, 525 Willamette St., 541-343-4717, SmithFamilyBookstore.com.
- 3. HODGEPODGE BOOKS AND TAPROOM, 158 E. 14th Ave., 541-525-1718, Booksandtaps.com.

BEST NEW BUSINESS

- 1. HODGEPODGE BOOKS AND TAPROOM, 158 E. 14th Ave., 541-525-1718, BooksandTaps.com.
- 2. PEEK-A-BOO DELIGHT, 861 Willamette St., 541-393-1151, Instagram @peekaboodelight.



- 3. DREAM HOUSE PIERCING, 114 E. 16th Ave., 541-321-0112, DreamHousePiercing.com.

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- 1. THE DUCK STORE, 896 E. 13th Ave., 541-255-0700, 2735 Leo Harris Pkwy, 541-255-0831, 293 Valley River Ctr., 541-255-0835, Uoduckstore.com.
- 2. HIRONS, 185 E. 18th Ave., 541-344-4832, and 1950 Franklin Blvd., 541-344-5268, Hironsdrg.com.
- 3. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF LANE COUNTY, 2890 Chad Dr., 541-743-7117, and 199 Q St., Spfd., 541-746-7784, as well as a dozen other sites in and around Lane County. SVDP.us.

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- 3. TIME TRAVELER’S ANTIQUE MALL, 2020 Main St., Spfd., 541-357-5468, TimeTravelersAntique-Mall.com.

BEST PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO LIVE

- 1. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON DORMS, Housing, uoregon.edu.
- 2. THE HAYWARD, 1180 Willamette St., 541-762-9127, HaywardStudentLiving.com.
- 3. CHASE COURTYARD, 275 S. Garden Way, 541-359-3540, ChaseCourtyard.com.

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- 1. CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER, 155 High St., 541-682-5318, Eugene-or.gov/campbellcenter.
- 2. EUGENE HOTEL, 222 E. Broadway, 541-862-6388, EugeneHotelRetirement.com.
- 3. WILLAMETTE OAKS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, 455 Alexander Lp., 541-343-2688, Willametteoaks.com.



BEST LAWYER

- 1. LAUREN REGAN, Civil Liberties Defense Center, 1711 Willamette St., 541-687-9180, Clldc.org.
- 2. CASSIE PETERS, Cassie Peters Legal, 132 E. Broadway, 541-972-2769, CassiePeters.com.
- 3. MATT WATKINS, Matt Watkins Law, 795 W. 7th Ave., 541-228-9777, MattWatkinsLaw.com.

Lauren Regan is on the forefront of activist legal defense. In 2003, Regan founded the Civil Liberties Defense Center as a response to the implementation of post-9/11 policies such as the USA PATRIOT Act, which brought increased scrutiny on activists across the country. Since the CLDC’s founding, Regan and her team have been instrumental in cases that shaped how activists are treated in the justice system. One example is her work on the Green Scare prosecutions during the early 2000s where Regan and her team defended environmental activists — often helping them avoid a life behind bars for political acts. “Often it’s a matter of ensuring that political activists get to remain political activists,” Regan says.

Today, activists are facing some of the same threats seen during the early 2000s. “Repression comes in waves, and we are certainly seeing a heightened phase of it, probably the most severe that I’ve seen in my lifetime,” Regan says. She stresses that young activists should know their rights and be aware that they’re a part of a broader movement. “The choice is, are you going to fight for this better world, or are you going to give up,” Regan says. — Eve Weston

BEST DEATH DOULA

- 1. ORIA GYNNETTE OBERHOLTZER, 541-514-3323.
- 2. ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, 124 Hansen Ln., 458-210-6219.
- 3. CHELSIE WONG, CASCADE HEALTH, 2650 Suzanne Way, 541-228-3000, CascadeHealth.org.

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- 2. IMANI DORSEY, DAISY CHAIN, 1270 Charnelton St., 541-505-1139, DaisyChainLane.org.
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OCT. 31 Chainsaw clowns, fire throwers and real-life poisonous plants await at the third annual **Haunted Bamboo Forest with a Circus Freak Show** added this year on Halloween, Oct. 31. The event, hosted by Parker Learning Gardens, serves as a fundraiser and features live performances and eerie attractions for all ages. “You get to read signs about all the different kinds of poisonous plants in the area and around the world,” says Executive Director Jenna “Knotwood” Tilley, referring to the **Poisonous Plant Walk** in the morning. Tilley performs as Knotwood the Clown and joins this year’s fire-spinning lineup. Two shows are planned for the night: a family-friendly haunt beginning at 5:30 pm followed at 7:45 pm by a scarier version for ages 13 and up. “It takes place in our three-acre bamboo forest on site,” Tilley says. “I do a big performance in this, like, decrepit half-of-a-circus tent that we crafted out of upcycled materials, and we had some on-site volunteers help us craft it out of the bamboo itself, so the whole structure is made of bamboo.” Like a haunted corn maze — but made entirely of bamboo — the event supports Parker Learning Gardens’ youth and community programs. “My favorite part about it is that I get to watch these teens who were in our teen programs, and who we’ve met through past board members and their connections, get to come with their families and help haunt the forest,” Tilley says. — *Kat Tabor*

The final evening of the Haunted Bamboo Forest has a family-friendly option at 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm and a 13-plus option at 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm on Friday, Oct. 31, at Parker Learning Gardens, 31239 Lanes Turn Road in Coburg. Tickets start at \$20, with family and group discounts available. Tickets and volunteer sign-ups are available on Facebook and Instagram at Parker Learning Gardens Non-Profit. The Poisonous Plant Walk is 10 am and free.

October 30
THURSDAY

Art/Craft

Paint & Sip: Flowers in Treat Bucket, 2-4pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St. ste 104. \$35.

Edward J. Pabor: Photography, Opening Reception, 5-6:30pm, Knight Law Ctr., 1515 Agate St.

Whiteaker Printmakers Open Studios, 5-9pm, Whiteaker Printmakers, 1328 W. 2nd Ave.

Paint & Sip: Haunted House, 6-8pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St. ste 104. \$35.

Festival

Science Uncensored: Darkness Brewing, 6-9pm, Eugene Science Ctr., 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy. \$20-30.

Film

Vanishing: A Love Story (2025), 3pm & 6pm, Broadway Metro Theater, 888 Willamette.

A Nightmare on Elm St. (1984), 7pm, Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis. \$8-10.

Horrible Bingo: Night of the Demons (1988), 7-9pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$10.

Food/Drink

Pumpkin Tapping w/ 2 Towns Cider, 5-7pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

Thursday Night Tasting w/ Coldfire Brewing, 5pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th Ave.

Thursday Tastings, 5-7pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

Gatherings

Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club Meeting, noon, Countryside Pizza & Grill, 645 River Rd.

Health

Walk w/ Ease, 2-3pm, OSU Extension Service, 996 Jefferson St.

Holiday

Annual No Tricks Just Treats, 11:30am-10pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St., Spfd.

Trick or Treat, 3-6pm, Whiteaker Tattoo Collective, 995 W. 7th Ave.

5th St. Haunted Market, 4-6pm, 5th St. Public Market, 296 E. 5th Ave.

Halloween Bash w/ DJ Alex Bradley, 9pm, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St., Cottage Grove.

Kids/Family

Family Storytime, 10:15am, Bethel Branch Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.

Sensory Storytime, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Lectures/Classes

Higher Self Meditation, 5-5:30pm, Online, visit SpiritualArts.org for link.

Literary Arts

Lace & Literature: Sapphic Book Club, 6-8pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette.

Nightlife

Halloween Bingo Spooktacular, 6pm, Hop Valley Brewing Spfd., 980 Kruse Way, Spfd.

Trivia Night, 6-9pm, Eugene Elks Lodge #357, 2470 W. 11th Ave.

Trivia, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Brewing W., 520 Commercial St. ste. F.

Trivia, 7pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave.

Thursday Night Karaoke w/ Adam, 8pm-midnight, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

Karaoke, 8:30pm-12:30am, The Barn Light, 924 Willamette.

Outdoors/Recreation

Gentle Chair Yoga w/ Clark Stacer, noon-1pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 1465 Coburg Rd.

Aikido Beginners Series, 6-7pm, Eugene Aikikai, 870 W. 2nd Ave., ste. B. \$90.

Spiritual

Refuge Recovery, 5:30-7pm, Sacred Connections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

Theater

12 Angry Jurors, 7pm, South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave. \$8-12.

Evil Dead the Musical, 7:30pm, Albany Civic Theater, 111 W. First Ave., Albany. \$20-45.

Evil Dead the Musical, 8pm, Opal Ctr. for Arts & Education, 513 E. Main St., Cottage Grove. \$25.

October 31
FRIDAY

Civics

City Club of Eugene Mtg., noon-1:30pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave.

Drag

Pitch Black: A Halloween Variety Show, 7:45pm-midnight, Dark Pine Coffee, 954 Pearl St. \$15.

Festival

A Reception for Time Travelers, 6pm, Capricorn Manor, 105 W. A Ave., Drain.

Film

Dive-in Movie: Hotel Transylvania (2012), 5-7pm, Willamalane Park Swim Ctr., 1276 G St., Spfd. \$4-11.

Gatherings

Peer Connection Support Group In-Person, 4-5:30pm, NAMI Lane County, 129 9th St., Spfd.

Holiday

Poisonous Plant Walk, 10am-4pm, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd.

Spfd. City Hall-oween, 3:30-5pm, Spfd. City Hall, 225 5th St., Jesse Main Rm., Spfd.

Annual Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular, 4pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

5th St. Haunted Market, 4-6pm, 5th St. Public Market, 296 E. 5th Ave. \$5.

Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm, Kiefer Mazda, 383 Goodpasture Island Rd,

Haunted Bamboo Forest, family-friendly, 5:30-6:45pm & 13-plus, 7:15-8:45pm, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd. \$20.

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Block Party & More, 6-8pm, Eugene Family YMCA Don Stathos Campus, 600 E. 24th Ave.

A Hallowe'en Victoriana, 7pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette. \$30-35.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) 50th Anniversary Halloween Celebration!, 8pm, Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis. \$20.

The Spectral Court: A Halloween Masquerade Ball, 8pm-midnight, Lane County Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave. \$125-200.

Kids/Family

Family Playdate, 10:15am, Sheldon Branch Eugene Public Library, 1566 Coburg Rd.

Preschool Storytime, 10:30am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Lectures/Classes

Djembe Drumming w/ Ibou Sylla, 5:30-7pm, Djembe Trading Post, 1740 W. 10th Ave. \$25.

Nightlife

Church of 80s Halloween Dance Party, 7pm-2am, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$6.

Trivia, 7pm, The Barn Light, 924 Willamette.

Twisted Karaoke w/ DJ Saturn, 8pm-midnight, Twisted Duck Pub, 529 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd.

Karaoke, 9pm-1am, The Barn Light, 924 Willamette.

Outdoors/Recreation

Fun Friday Goat Yoga, 6-7pm, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe. \$25.

Social Dance

Salsa & Bachata Social Dancing & Drop-in Class, 9pm-12:15am, The Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette. \$8.

Spiritual

Recovery Dharma Buddhist Recovery Meeting, 10-11am, Jesco Club, 340 Blair Blvd

Theater

Shakespeare in the Dark: Macbeth (the scary bits), 6:30-7:30pm, Wayne Morse Family Farm, 595 Crest Drive.

12 Angry Jurors, 7pm, South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave. \$8-12.

Evil Dead the Musical, 7:30pm, Albany Civic Theater, 111 W. First Ave., Albany. \$20-45.

The Medium, 7:30-10pm, Actors Cabaret of Eugene, 996 Willamette. \$21-59.

Evil Dead the Musical, 8pm, Opal Ctr. for Arts & Education, 513 E. Main St., Cottage Grove. \$25.

November 1
SATURDAY

Art/Craft

Weekly Figure Art Sessions, 10am-1pm, Lane Community College, 4000 E. 30th Ave. Studio 136. \$8.

First Saturday Art Hop w/ Only Yolkng Food Truck, 10am-2pm, Caffe Pacori, 255 Wallis St.

Warehouse District Art Hop, 11am-7pm, Warehouse District. Info Instagram @Warehousedistrictarthop.

Paint & Sip: Pumpkin Patch, 3-5pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St. ste 104. \$45.

Paint & Sip: Van Gogh's Mulberry Tree, 6:30-8:30pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St. ste 104. \$45.

Comedy

Double Entendre, 7pm, Fathoms, 790 E. 14th Ave. \$11-17.

Short Order Kooks Improv, 7pm, Applegate Regional Theater, 87230 Central Rd. \$10.

Dance

Eugene Ballet's Dracula, 7:30pm, Hult Ctr. \$30.

Drag

Drag Bingo, 5pm, Sparrow & Serpent, 211 Washington St.

Farmers Markets

Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Farmers Market Pavilion, 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Film

Saturday Morning Cartoons, 10am-2pm, Caffe Pacori, 255 Wallis St.

Outliers & Outlaws (2024), 1pm & 6pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. \$7-11.

Dive-in Movie: Coco (2017), 5-7pm, Willamalane Park Swim Ctr., 1276 G St., Spfd. \$4-11.

Kids/Family

Baby & Toddler Storytime, 10:15am, Bethel Branch Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.

Family Storytime, 10:30am & 11:15am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Family Fun: Pipe Cleaners, 3-5pm, Bethel Branch Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.

Lectures/Classes

Modern China Through Literature: Cultural Roots & Contemporary Outcomes, 9:30am-noon, UO Baker Downtown Ctr., 975 High St. \$95-150.

Compost Workshop, 10am-noon, Bring Recycling, 4446 Franklin Blvd.

Financial Literacy: Understanding Credit, 10am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Recharge Your Resistance w/ Laughter & Play, 2-3pm, Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 10th Ave.

Markets

Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-4pm, Park Blocks, 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Nightlife

Witches Ball, 7-11pm, WOW Hall, 291 W. 8th Ave. \$15-20.

All Star Karaoke, 9pm, The Pour House Tavern, 444 N. 42nd St. Spfd.

Scorpios Ball, 9pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th Ave. \$10.

Spectator Sports

Women's Rugby: Eugene Reign Rugby vs. Bend Roughriders, 1-2:30pm, Agnes Stewart Middle School, 900 S. 32nd St., Spfd.

Spiritual

A Day of Constellation Work: A Healing Workshop, 9:30am-5:30pm, Mandala Sanctuary.

Insight Meditation & Dharma Reflections & Discussion, 9:30-11am, Unitarian Universalist Bldg, 1685 W. 13th Ave.

Full-Day Meditation, 10am-4pm, The Ctr. for Sacred Sciences, 5440 Saratoga St.

Celebration of Departed Souls, 5:30-8:30pm, Ctr. for Spiritual Living, 390 Vernal St.

Theater

12 Angry Jurors, 2pm & 7pm, South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave. \$8-12.

The School for Scandal: Auditions, 2pm, First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St.

Evil Dead the Musical, 7:30, Albany Civic Theater, 111 W. First Ave., Albany. \$20-45.

The Medium, 7:30-10pm, Actors Cabaret of Eugene, 996 Willamette. \$21-59.

Evil Dead the Musical, 8pm, Opal Ctr. for Arts & Education, 513 E. Main St., Cottage Grove. \$25.

November 2
SUNDAY

Art/Craft

Creativity Café, 1-3pm, The Hybrid, 941 W. 3rd Ave. \$10.

Paint & Sip: Dorena Lake, 2-4pm, Art w/ Alejandro, 590 Pearl St. ste 104. \$35.

Benefits

Lucky Paws Pet Adoption Event, 1-4pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

Comedy

Hand Shoes & Horse Grenades, 7:30pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St.

NOV. 1

Keep the Halloween vibes a little while longer with the **Annual Witches' Costume Ball**, a DJ dance party, pagan celebration and costume contest at WOW Hall. Event organizer Debrae FireHawk from DanceSanity, a Eugene-based production company, is a self-described practicing witch who DJs under the name FireHawk. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes, she says, not just witches. FireHawk says the evening itself celebrates the legacy of pagan culture and ritual around the Halloween season, known in Gaelic cultures as Samhain. The night starts with Hallows Ritual, honoring loved ones who have passed away. Along with FireHawk, local DJs performing include Okon-Oyo and Bee Stee, playing music ranging from world beat to classic soul, hip hop, funk and electronic. Also at the event, there will be psychics, tarot readings, vendors and a tea bar. Non-DJ performers include Eugene Hexenbrut, inspired by the German dance group Wolfshäger Hexenbrut, which translates to “witches dance.” Members wear witch costumes as they perform a modern choreographed dance drawn from ancient practices. FireHawk says the night honors “the original sentiments of Halloween time.” She says that it is a “happy celebration of all that has passed away from the world and a turning to the deeper time of creation with our coming long winter nights. Our ancestors gave us these rituals,” she adds, “and here we are today, sharing them with our greater Eugene community.” — *Will Kennedy*



The Annual Witches' Costume Ball is 7:30 pm Saturday, Nov. 1, at WOW Hall, 291 West 8th Avenue. Tickets are \$18 advance, \$22 day of show and are available at WowHall.org. The event is all ages.

Dance

Eugene Ballet's Dracula, 2pm, Hult Ctr. \$30.

Film

Eraserhead (1977), 6pm, Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW. Madison Ave., Corvallis. \$8-10.

Gatherings

Aliyah Saldarriaga Photography, noon-4pm, Owen Rose Garden, 300 N. Jefferson St. \$120-130.

Kids/Family

Family Fun: LEGO, 1-4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Family Bingo, 5:30pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Wil-lamette.

Literary Arts

Poetry in the Round, 12:30-2pm, Coburg Commons Bookstore, 91193 N. Wil-lamette, Coburg.

Writing Time, 6:30-9pm, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St. ste. 100. \$5.

Markets

Native American Arts & Crafts Market, 10am-4pm, Farmers Market Pavilion, 85 E. 8th Ave.

Sunday Market, 11am, Sacred Connections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

Nightlife

Cribbage Tournament, 4pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave. \$5.

Sunday Karaoke w/ DJ John-ben, 8pm-midnight, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

Social Dance

Eugene Community Ecstatic Dance, 11:15am-12:30pm, River Rd. House Concert, 246 Ivanhoe.

Spectator Sports

Brunches & Dragons, 11am-2pm, The Sparrow & Ser-pent Pub, 211 Washington St. \$5.

Spiritual

Religion & Social & Economic Development, 10-11:30am, Baha'i Ctr., 1458 Alder St.

Sunday Gathering, 10:30-11:30am, The Ctr., 390 Vernal St.

Astrology 101, 11am-1pm, Star Gate, 1374 Willamette. \$85.

Nonduel Teachings from the Great Spiritual Traditions, 11am-12:45pm, The Ctr. for Sacred Sciences, 5440 Saratoga St.

The Good Word, 3:30pm, Sacred Connections Com-munity Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

SCM High Tea & Yoga & Medita-tion, 4pm, Sacred Con-nections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

Theater

The School for Scandal: Audi-tions, 2pm, First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St.

Evil Dead the Musical, 7:30pm, Albany Civic Theater, 111 W. 1st Ave., Albany. \$20-45.

November 3

MONDAY

Benefits

Bingo for Lane County Diaper Bank, 6:30pm, Claim 52 Brewing, 232 Lincoln St. \$5-25.

Gatherings

Death Cafe, 6:30-8pm, Shel-ton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette.

SMJ House Death Cafe, 6:30-8pm, Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Wil-lamette.

Literary Arts

Untamed Page, 6:30-8:30pm, The Hybrid, 941 W. 3rd Ave. \$15.

Nightlife

Cash Bingo Mondays, 6:30pm, The Pour House Tavern, 444 N 42nd St., Spfd. \$5-19.

Cribbage Night w/ Eugene Crib-bage, 6:30-8:30pm, Coldfire Brewing Company, 263 Mill St. \$3.

Monday Night Trivia, 7pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th St.

Sam Bonds Bingo, 9pm, Sam Bonds Garage, 407 Blair Blvd.

Outdoors/Recreation

Beginner's Rock Climbing, 6-8pm, Crux Rock Climbing Gym, 401 W. 3rd Ave. \$17.

Beginning Capoeira Series, 7:30-8:30pm, Eugene Yoga South, 3575 Donald St. ste. 180. \$5-65.

Spiritual

Higher Self Meditation, 9-9:30am, Online, visit Spiri-tualArts.org for link.

November 4

TUESDAY

Art/Craft

Make a Mini Macrame Wall Hanging, 3:30-7:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Body Positive Figure Drawing, 6-8:30pm, The Hybrid, 941 W. 3rd Ave. \$10.

Knit & Crochet Circle, 6pm, Sheldon Branch Eugene Public Library, 1566 Coburg Rd.

Paint Nite: Boat of Many Colors, 6-8pm, The Pint Pot Public House, 165 E. 17th Ave. 1st. \$45.

Tuesday Figure Art Sessions, 6:15-9pm, New Zone Gallery, 110 E. 11th Ave. \$8.

Civics

Board of Commissioners Mtg., 9am, Harris Hall, Lane County Public Service bldg., 125 E. 8th Ave. or visit Lane-CountyOr.gov for link.

Lane County Hearings Official Mtg., 6-9pm, Goodpasture Rm., Lane County Customer Service Ctr., 3050 N. Delta Hwy., or visit LaneCounty.org for more information.

Gatherings

Sign Up for Free Notary, 10:30am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Eugene Friends Church Death Cafe, 6-7:30pm, Eugene Friends Church, 3495 W. 18th Ave.

Health

Walk w/ Ease, 2-3pm, OSU Extension Service, 996 Jef-ferson St.

Live Lifestyle Medicine, 7-8:30pm, First Christian Church Spfd., 395 Centen-nial Blvd., Spfd.

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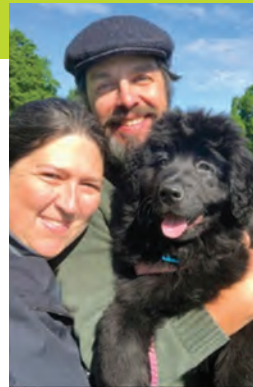


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Baby Storytime, 9:45am & 10:30am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Tweens: Ecologist Club, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Noche de Lotería en Español, 6:15pm, Bethel Branch Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.

Lectures/Classes

Gentle Chair Yoga w/ Clark Stacer, noon-1pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 1465 Coburg Rd.

Tech Help, 2-3pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Compassionate Listening Workshop, 5-7pm, Ebbert Memorial United Methodist Church, 532 C St., Spfd. \$100-150.

Literary Arts

Writing Time, 9:30am-noon, Wordcrafters Studio, 436 Charnelton St. ste. 100. \$5.

Nightlife

Elks Lodge Bingo, 5-9pm, Elks Lodge #357, 2470 W. 11th Ave. \$5.

Tacos & Trivia, 6-8pm, Tallman Brewing, 2055 Primrose St., Lebanon.

Bingo Tuesdays w/ Ty Connor, 6:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St. Spfd.

Bingo & Tacos, 7-9pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette.

Bingo w/ Judy Jitsu, 7pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th St. \$1.

Trivia Tuesday, 7-9pm, beer-garden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

Trivia Tuesday, 7pm, The Pour House Tavern, 444 N 42nd St., Spfd.

Twisted Karaoke & Tacos, 8pm, Twisted Duck Pub, 529 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd.

Outdoors/Recreation

Gentle & Restorative Yoga, 10-11am, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave. bldg. B. \$5-15.

Social Dance

Latin Dance Night w/ DJ Vito, 7-11pm, The Cowfish Dance Club, 62 W. Broadway. \$8.

November 5 WEDNESDAY

Art/Craft

Knit & Crochet Circle, 6pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Wednesday Figure Art Sessions, 6:15-9pm, New Zone Gallery, 110 E. 11th Ave., Ste. C. \$8.

Benefits

Pint Night for Bring Recycling, 5pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th St.

Civics

Board of Commissioners Mtg., noon, visit LaneCountyOr.gov for link.

Comedy

Another Round: Open Mic, 7:30pm, The Pint Pot Pub, 195 E. 17th Ave.

Comic, Interrupted, 8:30pm, Cowfish, 62 W. Broadway. \$5.

Film

Moviegroup: The Mountain (1956), 1-2:45pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Ctr., 215 W. C St., Spfd.

Eraserhead (1977), 7pm, Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW Madison Ave., Corvallis. \$8-10.

Watch Party Wednesdays: Survivor Season 49, 7:30pm, PublicHouse, 418 A St. Spfd.

Gatherings

Eugene Go Club, 5:30-9pm, The Wheel Apizza Pub, 390 Lincoln St.

Men's Stick Talking Circle, 7-9pm, Star Gate Lotus Rm., 1374 Willamette.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6-7:30pm, Unity of the Valley, 3912 Dillard Rd.

Health

Breathing for Health & Stress & Anxiety Relief, 1:30-2:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave. bldg. B. \$15.

Kids/Family

Toddler Storytime, 9:45am & 10:30am, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Tissue Paper Collage, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Lectures/Classes

Hemp: Advancing Construction & Design, 6-8pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave. \$10.

Nightlife

Cribbage w/ Eugene Cribbage, 6:30-8:30pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette. \$5.

Bingo Night, 7pm, Twisted Duck Pub, 529 W. Centennial Blvd., Spfd.

Bingo Wednesdays w/ Ty Connor, 7-9pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave.

Get in the Game Show, 7-9pm, Centennial Steak House, 1300 Mohawk Blvd., Spfd.

Trivia w/ Brett From Shelbyville Trivia, 7pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette.

Trivia w/ Thomas Hiura, 7-9pm, Starlight Lounge, 830 Olive St.

Karaoke Night, 8-11pm, The Pour House Tavern, 444 N. 42nd St., Spfd.

Outdoors/Recreation

Yoga, 10am, The Hybrid, 941 W. 3rd Ave.

Potato-Stamp a Tote Bag, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Community Yoga, 5:30-6:30pm, Sacred Connections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

Social Dance

Argentine Tango Dancing, 7-10pm, Veteran's Memorial Ballroom, 1626 Willamette. 2nd fl. \$7-10.

Spiritual

Women's Full Moon Circle, 5-7pm, Star Gate Lotus Rm., 1374 Willamette. \$33.

November 6 THURSDAY

Art/Craft

Call to Artists at River Gallery: Small Wonders, 11am-4pm, River Gallery, 184 S. Main St., Independence.

What's Up At River Gallery?, 11am-4pm, River Gallery, 184 S. Main St., Independence.

Mural Unveiling, 4pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th Ave.

Paint w/ Cats, 5:30-7pm, Eugene-Spfd. Cat Lounge, 537 W. Centennial Blvd. \$35.

Paint & Sip: Birch Tree Reflections, 6-8pm, Art w/

Alejandro, 590 Pearl St. ste. 104. \$35.

Food/Drink

Thursday Night Tasting w/ Von Ebert, 5pm, PLAY, 232 W. 5th Ave.

Gatherings

Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club Meeting, noon, Countryside Pizza & Grill, 645 River Rd.

Hearing Voices & Different Realities Discussion & Support Group, 1-2:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave. bldg. B.

Grief Support After a Substance Passing, 6:30-8:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave.

Family Support Group In-Person, 7-8:30pm, NAMI Lane County, 129 9th St. Spfd.

Health

Walk w/ Ease, 2-3pm, OSU Extension Service, Lane County, 996 Jefferson St.

Kids/Family

Family Storytime, 10:15am, Bethel Branch Eugene Public Library, 1990 Echo Hollow Rd.

Sensory Storytime, 4:30pm, Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Lectures/Classes

There Is No Word for Museum in My Language: An O'dham View of the Art World, 10-11am, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave.

Higher Self Meditation, 5-5:30pm, Online, visit SpiritualArts.org for more information.

Nightlife

Trivia, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Brewing W., 520 Commercial St. ste. F.

Trivia, 7pm, Gratitude Brewing, 540 E. 8th Ave.

Thursday Night Karaoke w/ Adam, 8pm-midnight, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd.

Karaoke, 8:30pm-12:30am, The Barn Light, 924 Willamette.

Outdoors/Recreation

Gentle Chair Yoga w/ Clark Stacer, noon-1pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 1465 Coburg Rd.

Social Dance

Latin Dancing, 7-10pm, Claim 52 Brewing, 232 Lincoln St. \$5.

Spiritual

Refuge Recovery, 5:30-7pm, Sacred Connections Community Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

Theater

Evil Dead the Musical, 7:30 Albany Civic Theater, 111 W. First Ave., Albany. \$20-45.

Evil Dead the Musical, 8pm, Opal Ctr. for Arts & Education, 513 E. Main St., Cottage Grove. \$25.

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BEERGARDEN Caveman Dave (singer songwriter) — 7pm.

HULT CTR. Abigail Lapel (songwriter) — 7:30pm. \$10

LUCKEY'S CLUB Funk Night Eugene — 9pm.

MAC'S RESTAURANT & NIGHTCLUB Blu Aces (Americana) — 7pm.

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Nat-sukashii Soul & FoxGlove (funk) — 8pm. \$5

SPRINGFIELD EAGLES LODGE NO. 3597 Thursday Night Jam — 7pm.

THE JAZZ STATION The Ben Shelton Organism ft. Idit Shner — 7:30pm. \$25

THE SHEDD A Haunted Night on Broadway — 7:30pm. \$11.75-32

UNITY OF THE VALLEY Jai Uttal (deep mantra & kirtan) — 7:30pm. \$42

FRIDAY 10/31

BEERGARDEN Cherry Hill (bluegrass) — 6pm.

DROP BEAR BREWERY Barrel Aged Beer Release & Halloween Party — 7pm.

EUGENE SCIENCE CTR. Halloween Night Laser Shows — 5pm. \$3.25-7.50

GRATITUDE BREWING Complicated (r&b) — 7:30pm.

HULT CTR. Haunted Hult — 8pm. \$25

MAC'S RESTAURANT & NIGHTCLUB Halloween Bash — 8pm. \$15

PUBLICHOUSE El Borko ¡Surf! — 7pm.

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Blu Egyptian & Ripple Vision (Police & Talking Heads) — 9pm. \$10

TSUNAMI BOOKS John Reischman & The Jaybirds (bluegrass) — 7:30pm. \$29

VIKING BREWING WEST Halloween Swing Jam w/ Stomp Off Party — 6:30pm.

WOW HALL Halloween Hula-baloo — 7:30pm. \$20-25

SATURDAY 11/1

ARABLE BREWING COMPANY Rudolf Korv (singer songwriter) — 6pm.

ELMIRA GRANGE Music at the Grange — 5:30pm.

GRATITUDE BREWING Axon (roots) — 7:30pm.

HOUNDSTOOTH PUBLIC HOUSE Epiphonic (folk) — 6pm.

OREGON WINE LAB Forest Mountain Lion (folk rock) — 6pm.

SAM BOND'S Fingers Cross They're Dead & Smoker & Don't deliver us from Evil (hard rock) — 9pm. \$5

SARVER WINERY Halloween Costume Party w/ The Flying Rutabagas (r&b) — 2pm.

SLICE PIZZERIA & BAR Token & Friends (Grateful Dead covers) — 6pm.

THE JAZZ STATION Bossa-naire — 7:30pm. \$25

THE SHEDD A Haunted Night on Broadway — 4pm. \$11.75-32

VIKING BREWING WEST Halloween w/ Meadow Rue (bluegrass) — 6pm.

WHITESIDE THEATRE Ludicrous Speed w/ The Georgetown Orbits (ska) — 8pm. \$10-15

WOW HALL Melt-Banana (Japanese fusion) — 8pm. \$35-40

SUNDAY 11/2

ART HOUSE Harvest Me (spoken word & strings) — 7:30pm. \$15

BENNETT VINEYARDS AND WINE COMPANY Timothy Patrick: Acoustic Variety — 1pm.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Requiem by Faure (classical) — 8:30am & 11am.

EVEN STEVEN'S EastSide Sunday Jam (horns) — 5pm.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH David Rogers (guitar) — 3pm.

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Sunday Irish Jam — 4pm.

THE JAZZ STATION Anthea Kreston & Grace Choi — 3pm. \$35

THE PUBLIC HOUSE Open Mic w/ Amblin — 5:30pm.

WANDERING GOAT COFFEE COMPANY I've Never Been Here Before & Purity Control & Don't Take Me Alive & St. Sophie (metal) — 6:30pm.

MONDAY 11/3

ART HOUSE Salon of Oriental Music & Art w/ Raquy Danziger — 8pm. \$15

BEERGARDEN Bluegrass Jam & Game Night — 6pm.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Eugene Peace Choir New Season — 6pm.

HAPPY HOURS Open Mic — 8pm.

HOUNDSTOOTH PUBLIC HOUSE Open Mic Mondays — 6:30pm.

THE JAZZ STATION First Monday Night Big Band — 7pm. \$15

TUESDAY 11/4

MAC'S RESTAURANT & NIGHTCLUB Roosters Blues Jam — 6:30pm.

WHIRLED PIES Subhumans (punks) — 5:30pm. \$22-25

WEDNESDAY 11/5

MULLIGAN'S PUB Open Mic — 8:30pm.

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Cosmic Kitten & Face Transplant & No Place or Time (rock) — 8pm. \$5

THE HYBRID Open Mic — 7:30pm. \$5

THE JAZZ STATION Jake Chaffee — 7pm. \$10

THURSDAY 11/6

ART HOUSE Alice Wallace (singer-songwriter) — 7:30pm. \$20-25



NOV. 1-30 Hosted by The Music Education & Performing Artists Association, **The GRRRLZ ROCK Music & Arts Festival** honors the contributions and growth of women in the arts through mentorship, safe spaces and supportive resources. The all-inclusive, month-long festival celebrates its 20th anniversary in November. Matrisha Armitage, director of MEPAA and “fairy rock-mother,” says that this year is the festival’s biggest one yet. “Just to think that it’s been going for 20 years is super special,” Armitage says. “So in celebration of that we pulled together musicians who haven’t played in the festival for a while. And we have some out-of-state and out-of-town performers that are coming to celebrate with us.” From dances to rock and punk shows, community members can expect a variety of performances. “We added dancers, different kinds of performing arts in the community, different artists of different genres and different diversity,” she says. “It wasn’t just about the ‘heavier, edgier, grungy’ part of rock and roll. We kind of made it a little more family friendly,” Armitage says. — Ysabella Sosa

The GRRRLZ ROCK Music & Arts Festival has performances throughout November at various venues beginning Nov. 3. Proceeds provide free instruments, instruction and arts resources for youth and families at the MEPAA Music & Arts Center. For more information about events, visit GrrrlzRock.com or [GrrrlzRock](https://www.facebook.com/GrrrlzRock) on Facebook.

BEERGARDEN Elena Leona Project (blues) — 7pm.

LUCKEY'S CLUB Funk Night Eugene — 9pm.

PLAY EUGENE John Shipe (folk) — 6pm.

PLAY EUGENE Records w/ DJ Millsap — 8pm.

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Donut Larsen & Still I Rise (Americana) — 8pm. \$5

SPRINGFIELD EAGLES LODGE NO. 3597 Thursday Night Jam — 7pm.

THE HYBRID Susan McKee (folk) — 7:30pm. \$25

TSUNAMI BOOKS Intersections: Poetry & Music & Calls for Peace — 6:30pm.

WHIRLED PIES Bella Rayne & Friends (Southern rock) — 8pm. \$15-20

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT, ELECTION TO SELL AND NOTICE OF SALE. GRANTOR: KACIE DOWNIE, TRUSTEE SUCCESSOR: DESCHUTES COUNTY TITLE. TRUSTEE: BRIAN D. COX, Attorney at Law. BENEFICIARY: BRENDA L. HUMPHREYS. DEED OF TRUST: As follows, including its recording in the Lane County Oregon Official Records: Date of Trust Deed: December 30, 2021. Date Recorded: January 3, 2022. Recording Numbers: 2022-000203. DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY in Lane County, Oregon, covered by the Deed of Trust: All that part of the Northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, lying Northerly and Easterly of Highway No. 36, in Lane County, Oregon. EXCEPT the following: commencing on the Northeast corner of Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian in Lane County, Oregon; and running thence West along the North line of said Section 18, a distance of 225 feet; thence South along the center line of Highway 36, a distance of 400 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of said Section 18, a distance of 215 feet and then North along the East boundary line of said Section 18, a distance of 400 feet to the place of beginning, all being situated in Lane County, Oregon. DEFAULT FOR WHICH THE FORECLOSURE is made: 1. Failure to pay the final payment of principal and interest of \$249,900.00 on February 28, 2025, plus interest. 2. Failure to pay real property taxes as follows: 2024-2025 taxes unpaid in the amount of \$1,887.49, plus interest. 3. Failure to provide and continuously maintain insurance,

in an amount not less than the full insurable value. 4. Failure to reimburse seller for all amounts paid to provide and continuously maintain insurance in the amount of \$3,650.50, plus interest. 5. Failure to pay accrued interest on items 1-4 above in the amount of \$22,077.73. SUM OWING ON THE OBLIGATION secured by the Deed of Trust: \$249,900.00, as principal balance, plus \$9,664.16, as accrued unpaid interest from July 23, 2024 to February 28, 2025, plus \$12,187.74, as accrued unpaid per diem interest from March 1, 2025 to August 18, 2025, plus delinquent Lane County Property Taxes, \$1,887.49 as unpaid balance, plus interest thereon from November 15, 2024, in the amount of \$167.77, through August 18, 2025, plus reimbursement to Seller for all unpaid insurance amounts \$3,650.50, plus interest thereon \$277.06, through August 18, 2025. Total sum owing on the obligation is \$277,515.72, through August 18, 2025, with per diem of \$45.62, until paid. ELECTION TO SELL: The Trustee elects to sell the real property to satisfy the sum owing on the obligation, which the Beneficiary has declared due. THE SALE: DATE: Friday, December 26, 2025. TIME: 10:00 o'clock a.m., Pacific Daylight Time as established by ORS 187.110. PLACE: The front steps of the Lane County Courthouse, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401. The Trustee will sell the real property at oral public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check drawn on a bank or savings and loan with an Oregon branch, paid on the day of sale, the interest which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of execution of the deed of trust, together with any interest of the Grantor or successors in interest acquired after execution of the deed of trust, to satisfy the sum owing on the obligation plus the expenses of sale and trustee and attorney fees. REINSTATEMENT: Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceedings dismissed and the deed of trust reinstated by payment of the

entire amount due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, together with the costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the terms of the obligation, trustee and attorney fees as prescribed by ORS 86.778, and by curing any other default complained of in the notice of default, at any time prior to five days before the date set for the sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. DATED: August 18, 2025, Brian D. Cox, Successor Trustee, 142 West 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401 (541) 683-7151

Notice is hereby given that Christine H. Thurmond has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Nicole Elise Thurmond, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 25PB09029. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of the publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 440 E. Broadway, Suite 160B, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: October 30th, 2025. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Christine H. Thurmond, 1490 Queens Way, Eugene, OR 97401. ATTORNEY FOR PERS. REP.: Tami S.P. Beach, 440 E. Broadway, Suite 160B, Eugene, OR 97401

SAVAGE Love

Missing Love BY DAN SAVAGE

I have a problem. I am a straight male. My smart, funny, beautiful one-year-younger-than-me sister has been my best friend for my whole life. We were even roommates at one point. She is straight, also. Each of us has had romantic relationships. She is my only sibling. When my sister was 14, she showed me her bare breasts because she was proud of them. She asked me if I wanted to touch them. I did touch them. But then I got totally weirded out. She apologized profusely, put her shirt back on, and nothing like that ever happened between us again. Ten years later, out of the blue, she brought up the incident, and she apologized once more. Then I admitted to her that over all the years since that happened, I had hoped she would do the same thing again. She was shocked. I apologized, or at least I tried to. She did not say anything. She

just got up and walked out. I did not hear from her again for more than a week. That was six months ago, and ever since it has just been awkward and weird between us. I want to fix this, but I don't know how. Please help.
— Missing My Best Friend
Some beds can't be un-shat, some pooches can't be unscrewed, some palms can't be unfaced. The best you can do here is lie and lie convincingly: "I'm really sorry. I didn't mean it. I didn't know what to say, and I said the wrong thing. I don't even know why I said that. I wasn't traumatized by what happened when we were kids. I just felt awkward about it. And when you brought it up to apologize — which you didn't need to do — the most awkward possible thing came flying out of my mouth. Now I'm apologizing profusely

for the dumb thing I said. I hope we can both forgive each other and stuff this all back down the memory hole where it belongs."
P.S. It might work, it might not work — like I said, some beds can't be un-shat, etc. Your sister probably spent the last 10 years thinking you had a great relationship despite what she did in a moment of teen-brain, hormone-addled temporary insanity. Now she probably thinks you were in the next room jerking off thinking about her when you lived together, MMBF, and that you were her best friend because you wanted to touch her breasts again, not despite the fact that you once had.
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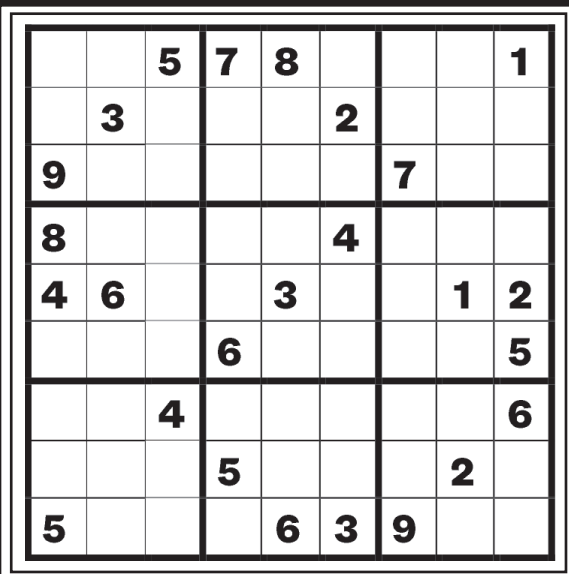
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Jonesin' Crossword

BY MATT JONES

"My Wish List" — some numbered items.

Across

1. Hand-craft?
5. "Get outta here"
10. Burt's Bees target, sometimes
14. A head
15. Justice Kagan
16. Red-wrapped cheese
17. Wee
18. Used an e-cig
19. "Could ____ ... Satan?" (mid-1980s "SNL" catchphrase)
20. "First, a favorable lottery ticket would be nice ..."
23. Organ with a hammer
24. Words before "the world on a string," in a song
25. "Next, I'd like something hand-written ..."
31. ____ Sophia (Istanbul)

- landmark)
32. Secret competitor
33. Tennis feat
36. Measure of land
37. Kenneth ____, theater critic and co-writer of "Oh! Calcutta!"
38. Shortstop great Vizquel
39. Boot point
40. Media attention
41. Best Picture of 2024
42. "A little later, I'd like my own aviary ..."
44. Lunar stages
47. Highway warning sign, for short
48. "And further down my list, a beautiful panoramic view"
55. Gillette razor option
56. Dentist's directive
57. "Banana Boat Song"

refrain

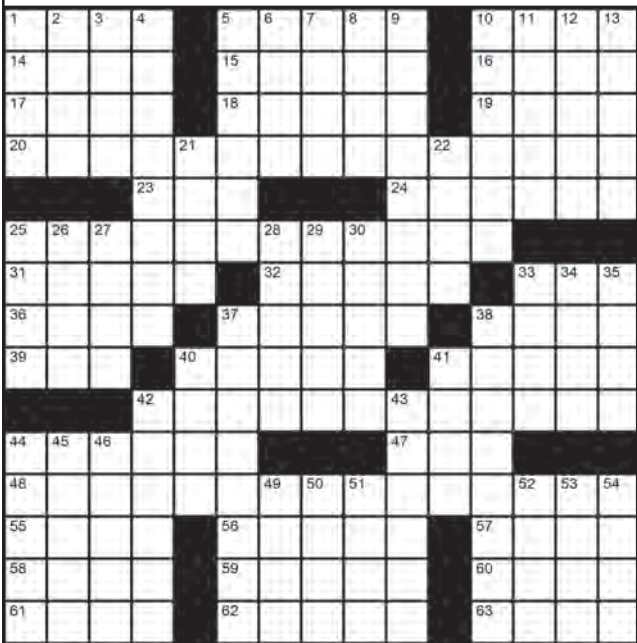
58. Arena level
59. HBO series set in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina
60. "____ three ships ..."
61. Staircase part
62. More offbeat
63. Calligrapher's supply

Down

1. Free version
2. Pour down
3. Dermatology concern
4. Some formal wear
5. ____ tire damage (warning sign topic)
6. Acknowledge the performers
7. Defaulter's risk
8. Over again
9. Arrived, but barely

10. Songwriting partner of Stoller
11. Suitcase label
12. Literature Nobel
13. Refine, as ore
21. Funny response
22. Road-tripped, in a way
25. "Um, [points to an item out of range]"
26. Site of Baylor University
27. Fiend of fairy tales
28. Blanket
29. Physicist Mach
30. Litter
33. Love, in Lima
34. King or queen
35. Times for Swifties?
37. Gives for safekeeping
38. Bowful at a party
40. Frost or Pound, e.g.
41. Not just ready and willing?
42. Musical neighbor of G
43. Artist known for tessellations
44. Fuel sources
45. "Now play!"
46. Say "My sentiments exactly!"
49. Like some water or time
50. Looked over
51. "My sentiments exactly!"
52. Facility
53. Director Coogler
54. Cries of pain

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S

FREE WILL Astrology WEEK OF OCT. 30

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): On the outskirts of a village in Ghana, a healer gathers plants only when the moon says yes. She speaks the names of each leaf aloud, as if to ask permission, and never picks more than needed. She trusts that each herb has its own wisdom that she can learn from. I invite you to emulate her approach, Aries. Now is a good time to search for resources you need to heal and thrive. The best approach is to be receptive to what life brings you, and approach with reverence and gratitude. Halloween costume suggestion: herbalist, traditional healer, sacred botanist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A well-cut ship's sail is not a flat sheet. It has a gentle curve that the sailmaker crafts stitch by stitch so the wind will catch and convert invisible pressure into forward motion. Too taut, and the cloth flaps, wasting energy; too loose, and power dissipates. The miracle lies in geometry tuned to an unseen current. I invite you to be inspired by this approach, Taurus. Build curvature into your plans so that optimism isn't an afterthought but a structural feature. Calibrate your approaches to natural processes so movement arises from alignment rather than brute effort. Make sure your progress is fueled by what you love and trust. Halloween costume suggestion: Wear a sail.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): All of us can benefit from regular phases of purification: periods when we dedicate ourselves to cleansing, shedding and simplifying. During these intense times of self-healing, we might check our integrity levels to see if they remain high. We can atone for mistakes, scrub away messy karma and dismantle wasteful habits. Here's another essential practice: disconnecting ourselves from influences that lower our energy and demean our soul. The coming weeks will be a perfect time to engage in these therapeutic pleasures, Gemini. Halloween costume suggestion: purifier, rejuvenator, cleanser, refiner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Deep in the Pacific Ocean, male humpback whales sing the longest, slowest, most intricate love songs ever. Their bass tones are loud and strong, sometimes traveling for miles before reaching their intended recipients. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to compose and unleash your own ultimate love songs, Cancerian. Your emotional intelligence is peaking, and your passionate intensity is extra refined and attractive. Meditate on the specific nature of the gifts you want to offer and receive in return. Halloween costume suggestion: singer of love songs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Between 1680 and 1725, Italy's Antonio Stradivari and his family made legendary violins that are highly valued today. They selected alpine spruce trees and Balkan maple, seasoned the wood for years, and laid varnish in painstaking layers that produced sublime resonance. Their genius craftsmanship can be summed up as the cumulative magic of meticulousness over time. I recommend their approach to you, Leo. Be in service to the long game. Commune with people, tools and commitments that age well. Act on the theory that a beautiful tone is perfected in layers. Halloween costume suggestion: a fine craftsman.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Trained women dancers in Rajasthan, India, perform the ancient art of *bhavai*. As folk music plays, they balance on the dull edge of a sword and hold up to 20 clay pots on their head. They sway with elegance and artistry, demonstrating an ultimate embodiment of "grace under pressure." I don't foresee challenges as demanding as that for you, Virgo. But I suspect you will have the poise and focus to accomplish the metaphorical equivalents of such a feat. Halloween costume suggestion: regal acrobat or nimble dancer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): In 1968, researchers at Stanford conducted the "marshmallow test." Children were offered a single sweet treat immediately. But if they didn't quickly gobble down the marshmallow, thus postponing their gratification, they were awarded with two candies later. The kids who held out for the double reward didn't do so by sheer willpower alone. Rather, they found clever ways to distract themselves to make the wait more bearable: making up games, focusing their attention elsewhere, and adjusting their surroundings. I advise you to learn from their approach, Libra. Cultivate forbearance and poise without dimming your passion. Harness small triumphs of willpower into generating big, long-term gains. Diligent, focused effort invested now will almost certainly lead to satisfying outcomes. So please prioritize incremental, systematic grunt work over stunts and adrenaline. Halloween costume trick: carry two marshmallows.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In the late 18th century, Balloonomania came to Paris. Large crowds gathered to watch inventors and impresarios send hot air balloons into the sky. Spectators were astonished, fearful and filled with wonder. Some wept, and some fainted. I suspect you're due for your own exhilarating lift-off, Scorpio — a surge of inspiration that may bewilder a few witnesses but will delight those with open minds. Halloween costume prop: wings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be too shocked by my unusual list of raw materials that might soon turn out to be valuable: grime, muck, scuzz, scum, slop, bilge, slime and glop. Amazingly, this stuff may conceal treasures or could be converted into unexpected building materials. So I dare you to dive in and explore the disguised bounty. Proceed on the assumption that you will find things you can use when you distrust first impressions and probe beneath surfaces. Halloween costume suggestions: sacred janitor, recycling wizard, garbage genius.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In the tidepools of America's Pacific Northwest lives the ochre starfish, a keystone species that keeps mussel populations in check. Remove the starfish and the ecosystem collapses into imbalance. Let's make this creature your power symbol, Capricorn. The visible effect of your presence may not be flashy or vivid, but you will hold a stabilizing role in a group, project, or relationship. Your quiet influence can keep things harmonious. Your gift is not to dominate the scene, but to keep the whole system alive and diverse. Halloween costume suggestion: ochre starfish (More info: tinyurl.com/OchreStarfish).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): For hundreds of years, the Blackfoot people of North America built buffalo jumps. These were steep cliffs where herds of bison could be guided and driven over the edge during a hunt. It required elaborate cooperation. Scouts tracked the herd, decoys lured them toward the drop and prep teams waited below to process the meat, hides and bones for the whole community's sustenance. I hope you will engage in smaller versions of this project. Now is an excellent time to initiate, inspire, and foster shared efforts. Make it a high priority to work with allies you trust. Halloween costume suggestions: shepherd, sheep dog, cowboy, vaquero.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In the ancient Greek world, oracles spoke in riddles. This was not because they were coy, but because they understood that truth must often arrive obliquely. Directness is overrated when the soul is in motion. Mythic modes of perception don't obey the laws of logic. In this spirit, Pisces, I invite you to make riddles and ambiguities be your allies. A dream, an overheard conversation, or a misheard lyric may contain an enigmatic but pithy code. You should be alert for messages that arrive sideways and upside down. Tilt your head. Read between the flames. You will understand when your heart recognizes what your mind can't name. Halloween costume suggestion: oracle or fortune-teller.

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